

Ibn Omar seeks break with Libya

PARIS (R) — Chadian opposition leader Sheikh Ibn Omar, whose 2,000 troops left Libya for Sudan last week, is seeking a reconciliation with the Chadian government, a source close to Ibn Omar said in Paris Wednesday. He said Ibn Omar's decision to send his men to northern Sudan was the first step by the rebel leader towards a possible reconciliation with the N'djamena government of Hissene Habre. By surreptitiously moving his troops out of Libya, Ibn Omar wanted to demonstrate the independence of his Revolutionary Democratic Council (CDR), long accused by Chad of being a puppet of Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qaddafi. Qaddafi had wanted to put the troops under the leadership of his protégé, ex-Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei, who was ousted by Habre's French-backed forces, the source added. He said Ibn Omar's hands were still tied because Libya had the last word on whether 10,000 pro-CDR Chadian refugees regrouped in a camp at Sirt, on Libya's Mediterranean coast, would be allowed to leave the country. Ibn Omar would soon be embarking on an overseas tour to explain his movement's position to interested parties abroad, the source added.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Gromyko meets Carlucci in Crimea

MASSANDRA (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci had a meeting with Soviet President Andrei Gromyko at this Crimean sea-side resort Wednesday. Carlucci is on a visit to the Soviet Union to tour military bases as part of a programme of military exchanges between the superpowers aimed at establishing closer understanding. He was due to travel to the port city of Sevastopol, headquarters of the Soviet Black Sea fleet and long closed to foreigners.

Italy okays funds for Gulf fleet

ROME (AP) — The Senate Tuesday approved a decree providing financing for Italy's naval task force in the Gulf through the end of 1988. The Chamber of Deputies approved the measure July 17. The decree provides 84 billion lira (\$63 million) for the fleet.

Pakistani kills 4 in wedding tragedy

ISLAMABAD (R) — A wedding in Quetta ended in tragedy when a guest lost control of the rifle he was firing into the air and killed four men, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported. It said the man was celebrating a relative's marriage in the western Pakistani city Tuesday with a fusillade from his Kalashnikov automatic rifle when the accident happened.

Turkey says Iraq bombed its border area

ANKARA (R) — Iraqi planes bombed Turkey's southeastern province of Hakkari and a strong protest was being prepared for Baghdad, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said Wednesday. Ministry spokesman Inal Batu told reporters two Iraqi fighters dropped at least 13 bombs Friday near the Turkish village of Ugozge, about 15 kilometres from the Iran-Iraq border, without causing casualties or damage.

Ship explodes, sinks in Gulf of Oman

DUBAI (R) — With a cargo of gas-bottles bound for Karachi exploded and sank in the Gulf of Oman Wednesday injuring three crewmen, shipping sources said. A French warship rescued the Greek captain and the eight Pakistani, Singaporean and one Australian sailors, they added. They said the blast on the 700-tonne Fatima, owned by a Dubai company, was caused by an accident on board. They had no further details.

Vietnam suspends cooperation with U.S.

BANGKOK (R) — Vietnam Wednesday said it was suspending cooperation with the United States on humanitarian issues because of hostility from Washington. Hanoi Radio said it had temporarily suspended planned joint searches by Americans and Vietnamese for U.S. servicemen listed as missing in action from the Indochina war and the emigration to the United States of former detainees of Vietnamese reeducation camps. Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach in a letter dated July 31 to U.S. presidential envoy John Vessey cited as a reason State Department objections to the establishment of low-level diplomatic relations between Hanoi and Washington.

Iranian minister arrives in Moscow

NICOSIA (R) — Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani arrived in Moscow Wednesday for talks on mutual and regional issues, Tehran Radio reported. The radio said Larjani was invited by a Soviet deputy foreign minister. It gave no other details. Iran's First Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said last week that Moscow had proposed Iran and Iraq hold direct talks in the Soviet Union on ending their war.

Ibn Ali due in Libya

TUNIS (R) — President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali is due to visit Tripoli for talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi at the end of the week after postponing a trip there in June, diplomatic sources said. Final arrangements for the planned three-day trip are still to be made and it will start either Friday or Saturday.

Pakistan: No hand in alleged Sikh plot

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan Wednesday denied any involvement in an alleged Sikh extremist plot to kill Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Home Minister Bura Singh. The allegations, reported in the authoritative Times of India Tuesday, caused an uproar in the Indian parliament with members demanding retaliation against Pakistan. The newspaper said the plot was revealed in documents captured by Indian security forces. A Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman said the report was baseless and added that Islamabad "strictly adheres to a steadfast policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states."

Anglicans call for Namibia independence

CANTERBURY (R) — The Anglican church's 525 bishops unanimously called on South Africa Wednesday to withdraw from Namibia and Angola. The emergency resolution was passed at the bishops' Lambeth conference in Canterbury, southern England. The resolution said "deeply aware of the protracted suffering of the Namibian people at the hands of the South African regime," the South African government should withdraw from Angola and Namibia.

Hizbollah denies taking ransom

BEIRUT (R) — The Pro-Iranian Hizbollah group denied Wednesday a statement by Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas that it received 18 million marks (\$10 million) ransom for West German hostage Alfred Schmidt. "What was attributed to Brigadier Mustafa Tlas about Hizbollah's involvement in freeing the German hostage Schmidt in return for ransom money is totally and categorically untrue," it said in a statement to news agencies. "We stress and confirm for the thousandth time that we are totally unrelated with the issue of hostages. We are not middlemen nor slave traders," the statement added.

Hizbollah says it 'executed' kidnapper

BEIRUT (R) — The pro-Iranian Hizbollah said Wednesday it had "executed" the kidnapper of three Lebanese children. It said in a statement to news agencies: "Following measures by Hizbollah against members of the gang arrested for involvement in the kidnapping of the three Al Ariss children... Hizbollah carried out a just sentence... and executed Yousef Jawhar after he confessed involvement... in several armed kidnappings, terrorising civilians and extorting money." The child of wealthy foreign exchange dealer Zuhair Al Ariss were grabbed by six gunmen while on their way to school on June 14 but rescued three days later in an operation by Hizbollah and Syrian troops.

Rust flies home after early release

MOSCOW (R) — West German pilot Mathias Rust, sentenced to four years last year for flying a light plane illegally to Moscow, was freed Wednesday and put on a plane out of the Soviet Union, TASS news agency said (see page 8).

Israeli army destroys, seals 12 Arab homes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Israeli army destroyed or sealed 12 homes in the occupied West Bank Wednesday after a day of clashes between demonstrators and troops in which a Palestinian was shot dead.

An army spokesman said the homes belonged to members of two groups arrested recently that carried out petrol bomb attacks in the Hebron and Ramallah areas. He charged that the group from Beit Ummar, near Hebron, were responsible for an attack in June that wounded two officers and for attacks on Israeli vehicles.

Soldiers detonated 10 homes before dawn in Beit Ummar, Jemala and Deir Ummar villages and Jalazoun refugee camp, in the West Bank, and sealed two homes in Beit Ummar and Jemala.

In Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, troops shot dead a Palestinian boy as he was about to throw a building block from a rooftop onto soldiers below, the army said.

Palestinians said seven boys were wounded in a resulting clash with troops using rubber bullets and live ammunition. The army said two had been injured.

Two others were injured in clashes in Dura village as Palestinians throughout the territories struck for a second day in protest against Israel's expulsion policy.

At least 247 Palestinians have died in the nearly eight-month Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and occupied Gaza Strip. Eight Palestinians were expelled Monday.

The army imposed 24-hour curfews on Kabatyia and Hussan villages and Dbeishe refugee camps, and maintained nightly

curfews on Azoun and Qalqilya villages in the West Bank.

In the Gaza Strip, strikers barricaded streets and buried stones at Israeli vehicles.

In Dura, Israeli soldiers laid a trap for boys who blocked a bus taking workers into Israel Tuesday, according to residents who witnessed the incident.

They said troops leapt out of a bus stoned by three boys at dawn and shot them as they fled into nearby fields.

One local man said the troops were in civilian clothes, and a spokesman for the Natshe and Da's bus company said they commandeered the bus for the operation.

Army and hospital sources said Jamal Rabbih, 17, and Munjid Kazaz, 18, were both wounded. They had no news of a third boy named by townspeople as 16-year-old Tahir Souss.

It began as a typical incident in the uprising. Protesters were trying to prevent workers from breaking out of the frequent strikes called by leaders of the revolt.

Media welcome Jordan's move, urge PLO action

Combined news agency dispatches

AMMAN — Most newspapers in the Arab World and outside have described Jordan's decision to sever formal ties with the occupied West Bank as a historic move in compliance with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) wishes and Arab consensus and said the move had made it incumbent upon the PLO to take positive action towards fulfilling the aspirations of the Arabs living in the occupied territories.

Cairo's Al-Ahram said in an editorial that the way was now paved for Palestinian, Arab and international efforts to establish

PLO affirms commitment to PNC, Arab, U.N. resolutions

BAGHDAD (Petra) — The Palestine Central Council (PCC) ended three days of meetings here Wednesday during which it discussed the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank.

A statement issued at the end of the meeting said the council "discussed in full the Jordanian decision, which was taken without the knowledge of or consultation with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)."

"During its discussions, the council reaffirmed the PLO's adherence and commitment to resolutions adopted by the Palestine National Council (PNC), Arab summits and the United Nations," the statement said.

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Rangoon declares martial law

BANGKOK (R) — Burmese authorities declared martial law in Rangoon Wednesday as they faced the biggest political crisis in 26 years of socialist rule.

Rangoon Radio said a state of emergency and martial law were imposed indefinitely from 7 p.m. (12.30 GMT) after seven days of scattered anti-government demonstrations culminating in a march by hundreds of people through the capital Wednesday.

The order was signed by Sein Lwin, who took over as chairman of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSP) last Tuesday from veteran leader Ne Win. He also became president.

Diplomats said student leaders had called for a national strike next Monday and speculated that the crackdown may be a pre-emptive move.

Burma has been racked by blood clashes between police and youths since March amid growing public anger over falling living standards and repression of

peaceful opposition.

The radio, monitored in Bangkok, said about 200 students, "joining force with some people intent on causing riotous disturbances" Wednesday at Shwedagon Pagoda, a traditional site and symbol of resistance.

They started a "protest march and disturbances and the situation arose which regional power organs could no longer control," the broadcast said.

It added: "In order to ensure the security of the state, to guard the lives and properties of people and fulfil the wish of students who desire to study peacefully the state council exercised its right vested under article 76 of the constitution and declares a state of emergency and imposes martial law."

It said students had been gathering at the pagoda since July 28 "delivering speeches, pasting up propaganda posters, distributing opposition pamphlets and staging protest marches..."

Their aim had been to "disturb students who wish to study peacefully and the working people who prefer peace in Rangoon," the radio statement said.

Administrative and judicial power in the capital was invested in Rangoon military commander Brigadier-General Myi Myint.

Rangoon residents who witnessed Wednesday's demonstrations said merchants closed and shuttered their shops during student rallies but resumed business after students dispersed.

Sein Lwin directed suppression of opposition to Ne Win's 26-years in power.

Last Friday, authorities detained former Brigadier-General Aung Gyi, the most outspoken critic of the government and at least 10 other suspected dissidents.

Rangoon was briefly put under dusk-to-dawn curfew and public gatherings were banned in the aftermath of protests in March and June.

Greece to close major American air base

ATHENS (R) — Greece has decided to close the major U.S. Hellenikon air base outside Athens, government spokesman Sotiris Kostasopoulos said Wednesday.

"One of the decisions of the Greek government is... the abolition of the Hellenikon base," he told reporters.

Kostasopoulos gave no indication of when the Hellenikon base will be shut, but he said there was no question of transferring operations at the base to another site in Greece.

Talks between Greece and the United States on a new agreement for U.S. military bases have been deadlocked since they began last November.

Greece has notified Washington that the present agreement will be terminated in December and the Americans will then have

17 months to pack up and go home unless a new accord is signed.

Washington maintains four major air force and naval bases and some 20 smaller facilities in Greece. About 3,700 American military personnel are stationed at the installations.

Hellenikon is next to Athens international airport and uses the same runway as commercial flights into Greece. Its position is a constant reminder of the U.S. military presence in the country.

The U.S. air force uses the base for re-supply and transport operations throughout the Middle East as well as surveillance operations there by RC-135 reconnaissance planes.

"The negotiations, as we have repeatedly underlined, are far from being tough and long," Kostasopoulos said.

The outcome of the talks would "depend on the manner in which the United States handles certain issues of our direct interest," he added.

The Greek government has repeatedly said a new agreement must serve the country's highest national interest. Greece wants guarantees that Washington backs its position in disputes over the Aegean Sea region and Cyprus.

Greece and neighbouring Turkey, which also receives military backing from Washington, are locked in a series of disputes over the region. Turkey has some 20,000 troops on the divided island of Cyprus.

Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu was swept into office in 1981, riding a tide of strong anti-American sentiment



His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday confers with Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, who delivered to him a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in a meeting at Al Nadwa Palace attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai (Petra photo)

King receives Iraqi message on developments in peace efforts

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday received a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on the latest developments in efforts for peace in the Gulf and the situation at the Iran-Iraq battlefield.

The message was conveyed to the King at Al Nadwa Palace by Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, who also briefed the King on Iraq's views with regard to implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 and Iraq's insistence that

the ceasefire document be implemented in the order of its provisions for comprehensive peace and an end to the war.

Iraq is calling for direct talks with Iran before a ceasefire can be announced so that the situation can not be transformed into a mere truce that does not achieve the aspired comprehensive peace.

The audience was in the presence of Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasbi, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain

Prince Ra'ed Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibo Shaker and other officials.

Ramadan, who later left Amman, is on a tour that included Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, and North Yemen.

In a statement at the airport Ramadan said any move by the U.N. secretary general to order a ceasefire before direct Iran-Iraq negotiations was bound to harm the peace process.

Iraqis stage air raids; U.N. awaits Gulf report

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said its jets attacked two targets in Iran Wednesday in the latest Iraqi military action since Tehran accepted a ceasefire last month.

"Our warplanes achieved two heroic operations to destroy the economic mainstays which support the Iranian enemy war effort," a military spokesman said.

Iran reported earlier that Iraqi jets raided "industrial-labour units" in the provinces of Bushehr and Khuzestan.

The Iraqi spokesman said the jets staged successful and destructive raids against a pumping station and the Kangan gas plant under construction on the mainland near Lavan Island in the southern Gulf.

Iraqi jets previously raided Kangan on June 30, killing 12 South Korean workers and wounding 48. The South Korean company building the plant suspended work and pulled out the rest of its workers after that raid.

The Iraqi spokesman denied an Iranian report that an Iraqi jet had been shot down during the raids Wednesday.

Iraq staged the raids while its foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, was in New York for talks with U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar on a ceasefire resolution.

The U.N. chief is holding separate talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, whose country accepted the Security Council resolution July 18.

The talks are stalled by a dispute over direct talks, which Iraq says must precede a ceasefire.

Iran says the ceasefire must come first.

An Arab League committee set up to monitor the war ended a meeting in Baghdad Wednesday with a declaration of support for Iraq's insistence on a face-to-face talks.

"The committee calls on the international community and the U.N. Security Council member states... to boost efforts to guarantee a just, comprehensive and durable settlement for the conflict, through direct negotiations," said the committee.

Other members are Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, North Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.

Tehran Radio dismissed the committee's support.

"Its position in no way reflects that of all member countries of the Arab League," the radio commented.

Iraquian President Ali Khamenei told a rally Tuesday that Iran doubted U.N. negotiations could achieve peace and

said if Iraq insisted on direct talks, Iran would set conditions of its own.

But Perez de Cuellar commented: "I have to be very careful about these public statements... sometimes they don't reflect exactly the thinking of the leaders who address the press."

The fresh war action flared as Perez de Cuellar awaited the report of a team of experts which has studied ceasefire logistics in Iran and Iraq.

Team leader Lieutenant-General Martin Vastel of Norway is due to submit his findings Thursday, after which the U.N. chief is expected to set a date for a ceasefire.

He has so far been unable to agree a date with Iran and Iraq because of the dispute over direct talks.

Iraq, apparently fearing Perez de Cuellar might set a truce date without waiting for its consent, said Tuesday this would be unacceptable.

Reagan vetoes defence bill in move seen to help Bush

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan Wednesday vetoed a \$299.5 billion defence bill, saying it would weaken the United States militarily, but Democrats charged it was a political move to boost George Bush's election campaign.

"This bill would signal a basic change in the direction of our national defence, a change away from strength and proven success and back towards weakness and accommodation of the 1970s," Reagan told reporters in the White House press room.

The president also charged the bill would gut his cherished strategic defence initiative (SDI), known popularly as "Star Wars," and tie future presidents' hands in arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union.

"It would gravely endanger the SDI programme... (and) cripple the very concept of a space shield against nuclear attack," Reagan declared. "And I will not abide this."

Congress can reject a presidential veto if at least two-thirds of both the House of Representatives and the Senate vote to do so. While the original Senate vote on the defence bill was by a veto-proof margin, votes in the House of Representatives fell short.

At \$299.5 billion, the 1989 defence authorisation bill, which sets spending and policy priorities for the defence department, is the

full amount requested by the administration and conformed to a budget agreement reached late last year between Congress and the White House designed to cut deficits.

But the Democratic-led Congress rearranged spending priorities within the bill, in one case cutting Reagan's \$4.9 billion SDI request to \$4.1 billion.

Even before Reagan announced his veto, leading Democrats, including the chairmen of the House and Senate armed services committees, charged it was motivated by election-year politics.

They said Vice-President George Bush, who will be the Republican candidate facing Democrat Michael Dukakis in the November presidential election, would be the main beneficiary.

"The only conclusion I can come to is that some people believe there is some political advantage to be gained from vetoing the defence authorisation bill," Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn of Georgia said Tuesday when news of a likely veto began to circulate on Capitol Hill.

Wisconsin Representative Les Aspin, Nunn's counterpart in the House, agreed, charging Republicans want to "use the defence bill to argue that Democrats are weak on defence."

'We will stay with the people of the camp until the danger is over. We will remain with them - to live or die with them'



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Centre to distribute transcripts of Tawjihi grades

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Ministry of Education announced Wednesday that it will open a centre to receive the requests of students from the occupied West Bank wishing to obtain transcripts of their Tawjihi (General Secondary School Certificate Examinations) grades.

The announcement said applications can be made at the centre, which will be based at Al Hussein College in Amman, as of Saturday. The transcripts can be obtained for JD 1.

The ministry, in another announcement, said a number of committees have been appointed to endorse transcripts and certificates.

It said that as of Saturday the following centres will be opened for this procedure: Ibn Zahr and Ma'moun schools in Jabal Amman, the Girls Commercial School in Zarqa, Um Anara School in Irbid, Aqaba Ibn Nafec School in Salt, Ma'an Government School in Ma'an and Al Hashimieh School in Karak.

Students who passed their Tawjihi examinations must endorse their certificates and other required documents at these centres before presenting them to departments, universities, or community colleges.

Those wishing to study abroad must have these certificates and transcripts endorsed by the Foreign Ministry and the embassy of the country in which they wish to study.

Coinciding with the new ministry arrangements, post offices in the Kingdom began to accept applications from students wishing to enrol at Jordanian universities. Press reports estimate that community colleges and the four local universities will admit a total of 21,000 students out of a total of 36,937 who passed this year's Tawjihi examinations in both banks of Jordan.

Sixty per cent of the 64,892 students who took the Tawjihi examinations in June were successful.



Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan and U.N. Ali Atiqah Wednesday sign two agreements on Development Programme Representative in Jordan (Petra photo)

Jordan, UNDP sign 2 agreements

AMMAN (Petra) — The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed two agreements with the Jordanian government under which it will offer the country a total of \$1.049 million in technical assistance to help it diversify and develop its exports and develop Jordan's employment and manpower programmes.

The agreement aims to develop the Jordanian commercial centres in different countries enabling it to offer better consultancy services to Jordanian exporters.

The agreement also provides for helping Jordan lay a permanent strategy to develop its industrial and agricultural exports by paving the way for investments in the private and public sectors.

It is hoped that the project will improve the quality of goods and the process of marketing them in Arab countries, Asia and Western Europe.

The UNDP will provide \$650,000 to cover the cost of hiring experts in this field and establishing training programmes for Jordanians. The government will provide offices, local officials and transport facilities.

The second agreement, on developing human resources, aims to boost Jordan's economy by creating jobs.

Under this project, the UNDP

will provide experts and technicians to help the country create a balance in the labour market and lay down an integrated data system to monitor and control the local labour market.

The UNDP will contribute a total of \$339,000 to cover the overall expenses of the local and international specialists. The government will provide \$200,000 in the form of facilities, while the International Labour Organisation (ILO) will supervise the project's implementation.

The two agreements were signed by Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan and UNDP representative in Jordan Ali Atiqah.

Libyan team discusses possibility of setting up NMI-like institution

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Libya hopes to benefit from Jordan's experience in medical affairs by setting up a medical council along the line of the National Medical

Institution (NMI) in Jordan, according to a two member Libyan medical delegation now on a visit to Amman.

The two members are Dr. Omar Hassan, director of medical services, and Mr. Taher Abdul Hamid Al Muntaser, director of financial and administrative affairs in Libya.

The two officials, who were speaking at a press conference here, said that Libya plans to bring in Arab experts and technicians in medical services to replace all foreigners working in that field, and for this reason it has already concluded contracts with 70 Jordanian doctors to work in Libyan hospitals.

Those selected to work in Libya include specialists in gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, X-ray, anaesthetics as well as surgery, according to the Libyan officials.

They said an agreement has just been reached with Jordan to dispatch another 80 specialists and general practitioners to Libyan hospitals and Tripoli was keen on employing the largest number of Jordanian doctors in all specialisations.

The two Libyan officials paid

tribute to the facilities offered to them by the health authorities in Jordan. They also expressed thanks for cooperation from the Higher Medical Council and the Jordanian Medical Association, which they said are instrumental in promoting ties between the two countries.

The Health Ministry said earlier that it was trying to find work for unemployed Jordanian doctors in Libya and North Yemen.

The NMI, which was established earlier this year, became operational as of the beginning of last month.

The NMI takes charge of all hospitals run by the Ministry of Health, the armed forces and the Jordan University Hospital, functioning under the chairmanship of Dr. Daoud Hanania, who is also director general of the Royal Medical Services.

Hanania said the NMI will operate closely with the Health Ministry in all matters concerning health affairs and training of medical staff and nurses.

The NMI, he said, will focus its attention on improving health services in all parts of the Kingdom.

Week-long course opens for English teachers

AMMAN (Petra) — A week-long training course for English teachers opened at the Sukinah Bint Al Hussein School in Amman Wednesday.

The 280 participants will learn new teaching methods in the PETRA programme on teaching English for the preparatory classes.

The director of education in the Amman region, who opened

the course, underlined the importance of the teacher in the educational process and paid tribute to supervisors who are preparing teachers for the new courses.

Later, the director of education opened an exhibition displaying samples of school activities by children in the Greater Amman region.

Ajloun summer camp ends

AJLOUN (Petra) — A month-long summer camp organised by the Ministry of Education in Ajloun district ended Wednesday.

A total of 800 male and female students participated in the activities. Their projects included organising cultural and sports activities in Jordanian schools, samples of needlework, and hand-made dresses and knitting.

At the conclusion of the camp a

special ceremony was held to honour students who excelled in their activities. A number of officials from the ministry attended the ceremony and delivered speeches.

In Jerash, another summer camp ended Wednesday. The participating students organised an exhibition of their work and activities.

Four hundred students took part in the month long Jerash camp.

JUST summer training course for children ends

IRBID (Petra) — The Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) organised a two-month summer training course for children of JUST's administration and teaching staff.

The children, between six and 14 were involved in technical, sports, cultural and first aid activities. The course, which ended Wednesday, also included visits to places of interest and the uni-

versity campus.

A ceremony, to mark the termination of the summer course held at JUST, was attended by University President Kamel Ajlouni.

The children who took part in the ceremony performed national dances and songs. Later, a soccer match was held at the campus playground between JUST and the University of Jordan.

Jordan seeks cancellation of ABTA meeting in Jerusalem

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan is exerting all possible efforts to influence an Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) decision to hold their annual meeting in Jerusalem this November and invited ABTA to hold their meeting in any Arab city they choose.

Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni announced Wednesday that the ministry "is exerting concentrated efforts to end ongoing contacts to hold the ABTA meeting," and described the decision by ABTA as "dangerous."

In an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Ajlouni said if this meeting is held in Jerusalem it would "help the Israeli expansionist policies and harm Arab and Islamic countries. He warned that Jordan "will work quickly on showing the political repercussions of accepting Jerusalem (as part of Israel) through this touristic opportunity."

The Jordan Times reported in July the controversy which arose as a result of the logo adopted by ABTA for their annual convention. The logo carries the initials of ABTA 1988 with Jerusalem written across a drawing of the Jewish menorah with Israel written under it.

At the time, Munir Nassar of the International Traders Agency in Jordan said that "for the first time ever Jerusalem is treated as part of Israel, if the name of the city was Tel Aviv there would have been no controversy."

Nassar added that if the logo did not carry the name of the country (Israel) there would have been little ground for debate.

Ajlouni told Petra that he has personally followed the efforts by the Arab Ambassadors Committee and the Arab-British Trade Chamber in London to convince ABTA members and persuade them not to participate in the

proposed meeting.

Ajlouni said: "Contacts are being made with British travel agencies which work with Jordan, to stop them from selling private trips which are usually organised for this meeting annually."

The minister of tourism said choosing Jerusalem for this convention "comes as a prize gift for

the Israeli occupation for refusing to accept all international resolutions concerning the city of Jerusalem."

He added that Israel has manipulated the name of Jerusalem "horribly" in its campaign for this convention. Ajlouni denied Israeli allegations that Jordanian travel agencies are preparing touristic trips to fit in with this convention, he described these allegations as "obviously done with mean intentions aimed at hurting Jordan and its touristic reputation."

According to the earlier Jordan Times article Nassar said that some travel agents in Jordan have been approached by ABTA members to make plans to use Jordan as a stop over to Jeru-

salem but he explained at the time that travel agents "will not support such proposals. We are set against it and we will not cooperate."

According to newspaper clippings from the British Travel Trade Gazette (TTG) made available to the Jordan Times, Palestinian supporters picketed at the ABTA headquarters in protest against the association's planned convention in Israel.

Banners carried by the picketers read: ABTA in Jerusalem, reward for aggressors; Jerusalem, wrong time, wrong place; don't go to Jerusalem while hundreds killed thousands detained, and ABTA convention in Jerusalem, a hostile act.

PLO, Arab states assail ABTA meeting

DESPITE INTENSE opposition from the PLO and Arab countries, the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) is pressing ahead with plans to hold its annual convention in occupied Jerusalem in October.

The convention, expected to be attended by some 3,000 delegates, will be staged in a conference centre in the western part of the city.

The Arab states and the PLO have been angered by Abta's plans, which they see as an affront at a time when Israel is brutally suppressing the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. In addition, they view the convention as being supportive of Israel's illegal annexation of East Jerusalem, seized by the Israelis in 1967.

The Arab-British Chamber of Commerce has written to Abta members warning that attendance at the convention could affect their business with Arab countries, and the PLO office in London has referred the names of the companies most closely involved in

organising the meeting to the Arab Boycott Office in Damascus, which maintains the list of companies banned from the Arab World because of their ties with Israel.

The Jordanian government has issued a statement through its London embassy describing the convention as "provocative and totally unacceptable" and warning that Jordan "will not cooperate in offering any facilities whatsoever for any tour associated with the convention."

The controversy comes against the backdrop of a major recession in Israeli tourism resulting from the uprising. Israel's airline, El Al, last month said that it expected to lose \$11 million in revenue this year because tourists were being frightened away by the uprising. "We're looking at an overall drop of about one third, and 20 per cent less Americans," said an airline spokesman. Israeli hoteliers are also reporting a slump in bookings, and the Israel Hotel Association said last month a 30-40 per cent drop in the number of visitors this

year would cost hoteliers about \$500 million.

The Tourism Minister had expected the number of tourists this year to exceed last year's record total of 1.5 million. Now, the ministry is spending \$6 million on a promotional campaign to attract tourists, and is inviting travel agents from around the world to visit to assess conditions for themselves.

The Council for the Advancement of Arab British Understanding (CAABU) and other pro-Palestinian groups have also been involved in the campaign to persuade Abta to change the conference venue. In view of the situation in the occupied territories, it was "very undesirable" that the Abta conference should take place in Jerusalem, and CAABU Director David Watkins, adding: "There has been a very substantial drop in the number of tourists going to Israel as a result of the uprising, and it does seem rather strange that Abta is apparently ignoring the wishes of a large section of its own customers" — CAABU.

Pilgrims complain about transport violations

AMMAN (J.T.) — A large number of pilgrims, who returned from Saudi Arabia after performing their religious rites in Mecca and Medina, have lodged complaints with the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs over violations by some transport companies of transport agreements.

A report in Al Dustour Arabic daily said some of the pilgrims had paid fees for transport and lodging in the holy places with the understanding that buses carrying them would be air-conditioned, only to discover that no air-conditioning was provided in the bus.

At least 49 pilgrims had to travel 89 kilometres to complete the trip to Saudi Arabia to board vehicles originally designed for transporting sheep, following the break-down of their buses and the lack of proper equipment to carry out repair, the report noted.

It quoted pilgrims as saying that two of their ill colleagues had to be carried for a long distance under the burning sun because of repeated mechanical failures in their buses.

The pilgrims, the report said, were demanding that the ministry bold an investigation into the matter and reimburse sums they had paid for travelling on board air-conditioned vehicles.

The pilgrims returned to Jordan after taking part in the pilgrimage rites that ended with the Eid Al Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice).

A special ministry committee on pilgrimage affairs will soon review remarks on this year's pilgrimage season to benefit from them for the coming years concerning transportation and accommodation of pilgrims, according to Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Secretary General Abdul Salam Al Abbadi.

Abbadi made the statement upon his return here after heading Jordan's pilgrimage mission to the holy places in Mecca and Medina.

Abbadi said that the pilgrimage season itself was very successful, thanks to the close cooperation of, and help from, Saudi Arabian authorities.

"Jordanian official teams accompanying the pilgrims from Jordan did their best to ensure a safe and comfortable trip for the pilgrims, and guided the pilgrims to their various holy sites," Abbadi noted.

The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs had arranged for the transportation and accommodation of the pilgrims during the season.

2-year course for TCC officials ends

AMMAN (Petra) — The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) Wednesday turned out 79 technicians upon completion of a two-year training course in telecommunications services.

Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan, who is also the TCC board chairman, attended the graduation ceremony and delivered a brief address underlining the importance of advanced training for personnel.

He said such training enables them to deal with sophisticated equipment and cope with new developments in telecommunications.

The TCC's training institute, the minister said, organises periodic training courses designed to "raise the efficiency and

skill of the TCC staff of experts and technicians."

Later, the minister distributed diplomas to the graduates and the institute's shield to the trainee who came first in the course.

The graduation ceremony was attended by senior officials from the TCC, the Ministry of Telecommunications, and relatives of the graduates.



Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan Wednesday presents a diploma to one of the graduates of a two-year course in telecommunications services (Petra photo)

Meeting discusses water situation in Balqa

SALT (Petra, J.T.) — A meeting was held here Wednesday to discuss the water situation in the Balqa governorate and to arrange for the organised pumping of water supplies to all regions.

The meeting, held under the chairmanship of Balqa Governor Mijhem Al Khreisha, reviewed efforts for ensuring fair distribution of water in the regions.

Late last month the Ministry of Water and Irrigation announced a programme for water distribution to all parts of the Kingdom.

"Available water resources in Jordan are limited and would meet all needs," the Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan told a press conference upon the announcement of the distribution plan.

He said it has become imperative for Jordan to ration water supplies in the cities and villages in a fair and equitable manner.

The Water Authority of Jordan (WAI) has meanwhile set up an operations room which is authorised to take speedy action in dealing with emergencies. They also receive public complaints about water supplies.

WHO report shows drop in Jordan's AIDS cases

AMMAN (J.T.) — A statistical report, issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO), reveals that the number of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) cases in Jordan dropped noticeably last year in comparison with world totals.

A report in Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily quoted the report as saying that in July last year, Jordan's cases registered 0.007 per cent of the world totals. This figure dropped to 0.002 per cent by the end of 1987.

Jordan was one of 13 different countries which asked the WHO to help deal with AIDS. It set up national committees and programmes to combat the killer disease, the report said.

AIDS was among the topics of discussion here on July 31, between Health Minister Zaid

Hamzeh and WHO representative in Jordan and Syria Abdul Majid Abdul Hadi.

Last October, the Health Ministry reported the discovery of 12 AIDS cases in the Kingdom and said eight of these cases were Jordanians. In January, it reported the death of one of the victims who had been undergoing medical treatment in Amman.

His death raised to three the total number of AIDS victims to die in the country.

Last year, the ministry also set up a special committee charged with spreading awareness among the public against the disease.

According to the WHO report, the organisation plans to spend \$66 million on combating AIDS worldwide during 1988 of which \$45 million will go to support national programmes.

WHAT'S GOING ON EXHIBITIONS

- A calligraphy exhibition by Nidal Kamal Tabbal at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- Summer Club exhibitions in Zarqa.
- Art exhibition by Khalid 'Atiyah at the Zarqa Club for the Deaf and Dumb.

TELECONFERENCE

- U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Vernon Walters to discuss prospects for a truce in the Iran-Iraq war. The American Centre at 4:30 p.m.

FILM

- Feature film: "Cross Creek." The American-Centre at 7:00 p.m.

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Moving away from peace

ISRAEL'S detention of Palestinian activist Faisal Hussein not only reinforces the accepted fact that it is moving farther and farther away from the concept of just and fair peace but also consolidates the Zionist state's drive to eliminate all voices of moderation and reason from the Palestinian scene. "Peace, harmony and coexistence" have become anathema to Israel, which continues to speak and act as if pure military might is the answer to its "security" problems. Not that it is anything new. Memories are fresh of the treatment that the Israelis gave to those who advocated a just and fair solution. Countless are the instances of swift Israeli moves to stifle voices of reason and justice, including Palestinian peace activist Mubarak Awad and even peace-advocating Israelis who broke taboos when they met with like-minded Palestinians; not to mention another voice of love, peace and harmony some 2,000 years ago. The only difference is that while one was crucified the others were jailed or expelled from the land. Countless also are the times when the Israelis were reminded, by the international community as well as the Arabs, that it is a self-defeating course to drown out Palestinian voices of moderation since it is people like Hussein and Mubarak that Israel would have to talk to if it wants peace and security. It is strange that Israel has not come to terms with the fact that there are thousands in the occupied territories who will replace people like Hussein and Mubarak in their struggle for liberation but not necessarily share their belief in peace and coexistence. How long can the occupation army continue its detention policy without inviting armed retaliation by the Palestinians? Perhaps armed retaliation indeed is what the Israeli army wants from the Palestinians to justify a course of mass eviction of Palestinians from their homeland.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS



Al Ra'i: Strong cohesion, close cooperation

THE national unity in Jordan enabled the Kingdom to attain numerous achievements and to overcome numerous obstacles and difficulties. This unity most importantly enabled Jordan and the Jordanian people to abort all Zionist designs and evil plans. The citizens of this country have been keen on safeguarding this unity and transformed it from a political slogan into practice represented by strong cohesion and close cooperation to serve Arab causes. For Jordan national unity is a sacred matter and is something with which we allow no one to tamper. Unity is regarded as an essential factor if we want to remain steadfast in the face of Zionist conspiracies and if we want to advocate the cause of pan-Arab unity for which Arab masses aspire. Jordan realises the Zionist enemy's continued attempts to destroy Arab unity in a bid to weaken our defence and our solidarity. Jordan has always stood firm in the face of many storms and every time the Kingdom came out far more stronger than before, making us more capable of dealing with Israel's plots. Jordan is now faced with the Zionist claims that Jordan stands as an obstacle in the path of peace but this country will in fact remain an obstacle in the face of aggression and invasion.

Al Dustour: Favourable reactions

THE overwhelming favourable reactions to the King's address to the nation in which he announced that Jordan's legal and administrative ties will be severed, reflect the important status of this country in the regional and international arenas. The reactions also point clearly to the significant role which the Kingdom can and will play in the on-going Arab-Israeli conflict, and the various other developments in the Middle East region. Jordan's political stand has been clear to all, over the past years; and this is something which won the Kingdom a great deal of credibility and respect by Arab and foreign countries alike. But, most importantly, different countries have come to realise the national role which Jordan has been playing at the Arab level particularly in supporting the Palestinian people in their struggle to regain their homeland and freedom. Jordan has been playing a leading role at all Arab, regional and international meetings, serving as a staunch supporter for the Arab causes, particularly the Palestinian cause. For this reason, pan-Arab reactions have been favourable, lauding Jordan's efforts and sacrifices.

Sawt Al Shaab: Removing all scepticism

JORDAN has no doubt decided on severing legal and administrative ties with the West Bank with deep pain, but it had to take such action in true commitment to safeguarding Arab interests and with a view to help the Palestinians in their struggle against Zionism. This fact was reaffirmed by Information Minister Hani Khasawneh in his interview with the Kuwaiti daily Al Qabas. But, in his statement, the minister made it clear that Jordan will continue to extend help to the Palestinians in the West Bank in coordination with the PLO and in an atmosphere marked with amity, affection and cooperation. Jordan, he said, wanted the whole world to realise that the Kingdom was not intent on rivaling the PLO in its drive to represent the Palestinians and serve their interests, and wanted to remove all scepticism vis-a-vis its relations with the West Bank. Jordan is committed to all Arab causes; and the occupation of Palestinian land had prompted Jordan to double its efforts in the past years to offer additional services to the oppressed people under occupation.

The 'last of wars' and the 'last of uprisings' fallacy

By Dr. Asad Abdul Rahman

THE SPREAD of the Palestinian popular uprising during the last weeks of 1987 and through 1988 is no sheer coincidence. The current uprising has its own special traits that differentiate it from previous uprisings, though it is not the first in the history of the Palestinian people and will definitely not be the last. Some Israeli officials constantly try to emphasise that this is the last of the Palestinian uprisings and that such phenomenon will never be repeated. Such emphasis and excessive confidence is definitely baseless as Israel is bound to face bleak times until the seal of its own fate. This conclusion is not romantic thinking or excessive optimism but rather a logical and natural reflection of a tangible political fact accomplished based on solid objective political conditions. What then are the elements which lead us to such optimistic introduction?

The first fact in these objective political conditions is the increasing strength of the Israeli ultra right in the government, legislature and political parties. From 1967 onward, and especially after 1973, political observers could easily notice the growing power of the ultra right at the expense of the "Zionist right" — the Zionist religious middle parties and then, slowly but steadily, the parties and small splinter groups that fall to the right of the Israeli "left" labour movement represented in the Israeli Labour Party. The unified attitude and stance of these parties towards the uprising is a clear manifestation of this power. Almost 75 per cent of all Israeli youth between the age of 18-22 reject the idea of relinquishing any part of the territories occupied in 1967. How could we then expect Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories at a time when the Arab "impotence" is at its greatest and American Middle East policy is still as biased as ever? As a matter of fact, if this condition remains as it is, we should expect more Israeli intransigence and a gradual annexation of the occupied territories by means of confiscation and settlement together with a political stance rejecting any just settlement with the Arabs and a total rejection of Palestinian self-determination. In other words, Israel has no choice but to fall in harmony with its own special nature. Hence, a continuation of Israeli racist, expansionist and aggressive policies against the Palestinians inside and outside the occupied territories is likely to continue. To put it in brief succinct terms, we should not, under the current prevailing circumstances, and in the foreseeable future, expect any Israeli withdrawal from the

occupied territories. On the contrary, an increase in Israel's repressive measures and a prolonged occupation of all of Palestine and other parts of the Arab World is more likely.

The second element in the current political context is represented by the antithesis of the first. By this, we mean the Palestinian Arabs living under occupation for more than twenty years now. By the year 2010, demographers say, the Palestinians will achieve what is called "population parity" with the Jews living in Palestine thus forcing a de facto bi-national state. Aside from sheer numbers, 50 per cent of all those living in the occupied territories now are under 15 years of age. Most of the inhabitants of the occupied territories have one basic factor in common: They are very well ingrained with anti-occupation feelings of hatred. In addition, at least 50 per cent of them have been imprisoned, for varying intervals, thus gaining first hand experience indispensable for future confrontations with the occupiers. The connection between the various occupied territories is both geographical and political and the contradiction that exists between them and Zionist nationalism is steadily increasing and becoming more and more centralised with clear-cut traits caused by the increased deprivation and impoverishment of the inhabitants both inside and outside the boundaries that existed on June 4, 1967.

The two elements, elaborated above, are intermingled together with a third element that works as a catalyst between the two political contexts. By this we mean the synthesis of the above two elements, i.e., the mutual feeling of hatred, violence and confrontation that are bound to thrive when two ideologies and nationalities struggle for the same land. The massive Israeli waves of invasion into Palestine have not been successful in completely displacing the Palestinians neither in 1948 nor in 1967. Moreover, the aggressive racist and expansionist practices that were concomitant with the Zionist invasion has undoubtedly bred anti-Israeli feelings among the Palestinians. The imperialist and Zionist blow not only failed to kill the aspirations of the Palestinians but had, contrary to their expectations, enforced them. Such feelings of hatred are undoubtedly inherent between oppressors and the oppressed or between the occupiers and the occupied. The year 1987 has witnessed an increase in the number of Palestinian political forces that believe in armed struggle against the Zionist occupation especially after a substantial part of the Islamic

fundamental movement has joined the ranks of Palestinian armed resistance. This trend was made even clearer after the traditional local leadership, which is compromising in nature, lost ground — thanks to the intifadah — in favour of more radical elements. Not surprisingly, the statistics and figures of the renowned Israeli researcher Meron Benvenisti show an increase in the acts of violence (3,150 for the year ending April 1987). Other figures and statistics show an increase in the number of Palestinians killed, injured and arrested and a similar increase — though to a lesser degree — of casualties on the Israeli side. The case being as such, one should not be astonished to notice an increase in the hatred and violence among the Palestinian Arabs after such practices have become a complementary and integral part of their daily life.

In light of the above facts, how then could we believe that the present popular uprising will be the last? How could the contradiction of two deeply rooted and irreconcilable ideologies enhanced by conflicting nationalities, class struggle and religious antagonism be solved by sheer optimism and preaching? The Palestinian popular uprising — if nothing else — has reiterated and confirmed the already existing facts on the one hand, and dismissed the self-generated illusions that have accumulated on both sides about each other during the age of Arab impotence on the other. Examples of such illusions are the notions that Israeli occupation was there to stay, that the Palestinian accepted the so-called "benign occupation" and that the Arabs — including the Palestinian — have a docile nature and that the wild among them have already been tamed. Now, irrespective of the efforts exerted towards moderation by the various local, regional and international circles, the struggle is likely to intensify as long as the Zionist state continues its policy of settlement, aggressiveness and racism. The Palestinian Arabs have made it clear — in their current uprising — that the usurpation of Arab land will never be met with submissiveness. Hence, the uprising will persist and battles are likely to continue until the Israeli officials themselves discover the folly of their earlier belief that the current uprising is the last as they discovered in 1981 and 1982 that the October war of 1973 being the last. Wars will continue to be waged, battles will be fought and bloody confrontations are likely to persist until the fate of Israel — inflated by easy victories and phony conceptions — will be sealed.

Beit Sahour sets the example...

By Peter Smerdon
Reuters

BEIT SAHOUR — Israel has turned a new bureaucratic weapon against the Palestinian uprising in its occupied territories.

Israeli authorities are sweeping towns for cash from taxes, car licences and identity cards in an effort they say will show Palestinians the more they take up civil disobedience, the more Israel will try to force obedience.

Leaders of the 1.5 million Palestinians counter that the harder Israel pushes, the more people will turn to civil disobedience. Tax collectors, escorted by troops, have visited towns and villages, demanding overdue payments or confiscating identity cards or property. Roadblocks have also been set up at which drivers are ordered to produce evidence of payment of taxes.

"You cannot imagine how angry the people are," mayor Elias Freij of the West Bank town of Bethlehem told Reuters. "I called for an end to this punishment but it just gets worse and worse."

Palestinians, eight months into an anti-Israeli uprising, have boycotted tax payments and — among residents like the 9,000 townspeople of Beit Sahour — have set up "popular committees" as a bureaucratic alternative to Israeli control.

Palestinians and even leftist Israelis view Beit Sahour as a model of popular revolt. "We salute rebellious Beit Sahour," said the latest set of rules for revolt issued by the United Leadership of the Uprising. "Follow Beit Sahour's example in confronting the taxmen."

Threat to Israel

The authorities view Beit Sahour and communities like it as a threat to Israeli control over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A tax strike has cost authorities in the territories 40 per cent of their income the last fiscal year. Even so, West Bank analyst Meron Benvenisti said Israel would receive \$40-50 million a year more than it spent.

Benvenisti, director of the West Bank Data Project, an independent study group, added: "Israeli policy is now to harass the Palestinians in any way possible."

Troops raided Beit Sahour for taxes on July 7, and one in every 30 townspeople gave up Israeli identity cards in protest. Eight local leaders were arrested the following day, and they jailed without trial.

Residents demonstrated, the army clamped a curfew on the town for much of July and during this time a 17-year-old became the town's first martyr of the uprising. A stone block fell from a rooftop manned by Israeli soldiers and smashed his skull.

Townspeople accused soldiers of deliberately dropping the stone, but the army said the wall was crumbling, and the stone fell by accident. The teenager is one of more than 240 Palestinians killed during the uprising.

Israeli measures taken in recent weeks include:

— Army roadblocks and raids to force Arabs to pay up or lose their identity cards or even cars.

— A so-called road safety campaign forcing owners of the 25,000 cars in the Gaza Strip to change vehicle licences and pay a new car tax of about \$150-200.

— A changeover of Gaza Strip identity cards to raise \$6 million and, according to Israeli army Chief of Staff Dan Shomron, increase dependence on Israeli authorities.

— An end to free treatment for casualties from the uprising at West Bank government hospitals. There has also been a rise in the cost of other hospitalisations to the equivalent of a month's wages for most Palestinians — this to more evenly spread the cost of health care, an Israeli spokesman said.

— Arrests of suspected popular committee members and their detention without trial for up to six months. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel blamed the committees for fomenting violence.

A leading Palestinian, who declined to be identified, countered that they had proved their worth as strong self-help agencies that would not be swept away.

In Beit Sahour, an education committee set up classes when authorities closed schools, and a security committee enlisted guards after 1,000 Arab policemen resigned as part of the Palestinian policy of cutting links with Israel.

Residents said the town had also set up an agriculture committee to encourage raising crops.

Some West Bank committees have been headed by Palestinians freed in a 1985 prisoner exchange of 1,150 Arabs for three Israeli soldiers held by a Palestinian group, security sources said.

Palestinian organisers frequently abandon their West Bank villages during the day for the hills to avoid arrest and return only at night. Villagers in Artas, for example, have set up an elaborate system of lookouts.

Opinion polls show most Israelis support their country's iron fist policy, but 100 Israeli leftists visited Beit Sahour on a recent Saturday to express solidarity with residents.

Israeli activist Maya Rosefeld told townspeople:

"You the inhabitants of Beit Sahour have taught... a lesson which scares and threatens every occupying power because it symbolises its defeat in front of the popular will and symbolises the beginning of the end of occupation."

... leads civil disobedience

By Daoud Kuttab

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — If the intifadah aims to bring about civil disobedience in the occupied territories, there are two main requisites: Widespread popular support and the willingness of the Palestinians to cut their ties with the Israeli authorities. One area in which Palestinians have been called on to cut these ties is the non-payment of taxes to the Israeli authorities. Another is the call to Palestinians to hand back their identity cards — a key Israeli vehicle for controlling the Palestinian population.

The residents of the town of Beit Sahour south of Jerusalem have answered both calls. They refused to pay their taxes and then in protest at the punishment meted out to them, they gave up their ID cards.

On July 14 the Israelis went into the town and confiscated 60 vehicles, furniture and other belongings of residents who had not paid their taxes. The army had taken over a local school and converted it into an office for collecting and issuing tax documents and car licences, since the Palestinians working for the civil administration had quit their jobs. In response, 323 adult residents of the town went to the town hall and handed in their ID cards. Now all Palestinians are waiting to see how the Israelis react — and more importantly, how the people of Beit Sahour will get on without their ID cards

and whether other towns will follow their example.

ID cards issued by the Israeli military authorities are like an umbilical cord connecting Palestinians to the occupation forces. All Palestinians over 16 have to carry the cards that list the holder's full name, place of residence and religion, and some ID cards carry a code indicating whether the holder has been in prison.

Whenever Israeli soldiers arrive at the scene of a confrontation or demonstration they usually confiscate the ID cards of all Palestinians in the vicinity. The soldiers then order them to carry out jobs such as clearing up stones from the streets, painting over graffiti, bringing down a Palestinian flag and so on. The soldiers keep the cards until the tasks are done. The soldiers also call the ID numbers over the radio to their headquarters to check whether the holder is a wanted person. For Palestinians, the ID cards have become so important that soldiers don't feel that they need to handcuff or keep Palestinian youths under constant surveillance when they have taken their cards away. If Palestinians give up their ID cards permanently, this will make a major dent in the Israeli's ability to control them and represent a major setback after the relative success of changing the ID cards in Gaza.

The people of Beit Sahour have been severely punished. As an initial response, 16 intellectuals were picked up. They included the head of the biology department at Bethlehem University, accused of being a member of the local committee in Beit Sahour — a charge he denies. It is believed his real offence is his active support to locals in growing their own food.

Beit Sahour was placed under curfew for ten consecutive days with only two two-hour breaks. Telephones were cut off and political and religious dignitaries were not allowed to visit the town. Among those barred was the new Latin Patriarch, Michel Sahah, and the dean of the consular corp in Jerusalem, the Greek consul-general, Ilias Meltzos. After five days the Israelis reconnected the telephone lines to the mayor and three other individuals. Residents who sneaked out of town told reporters that the army was harassing the people and telling them that this was punishment for having given up their ID cards.

On Israeli television the head of the civil administration said that the fight against the committees will continue, especially in Beit Sahour. Residents say the ten-day curfew helped strengthen the committee since it played a leading role in distributing food to all the residents. The curfew thus gave the city a chance to try out its preparations for self-sufficiency. The arrested intellectuals are believed to be in administrative detention and will probably stay in prison for six months — Middle East International, London.

of seeking a solution for the Palestine problem.

The paper said it was the last chance for Palestinian leaders inside and outside the occupied territories to highlight their identity and display their keenness to protect the Palestinian people's interests.

Tunisian newspapers said the King had given the PLO its right to handle the affairs of the Palestinians, and was also clear on the point of continued support for the organisation and the Palestinian people in their struggle for freedom.

Al Siyassa of Kuwait was critical of Arab countries which it said had failed over the past 40 years to help the Palestinians to regain their rights.

Arab media welcome Jordan move

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an independent Palestinian state on Palestine soil and the creation of a confederation with Jordan if the Palestinian people so desire.

The Jordanian response to Arab demands came at a crucial time and presented a difficult challenge for the PLO which is now expected by the Arab World to shoulder its new responsibilities towards the Palestinians in the West Bank," the paper said. It said the PLO should come up with "new measures to organise the administrative and financial system in the West Bank so that the Palestinian people there can feel no vacuum following the Jordanian decision at a time when the oppressed inhabitants are involved in a heroic struggle for freedom."

The paper urged Arab states to extend support for the PLO to help it through what it called this bitter test.

The Al Akhbar newspaper of Cairo said Jordan's decision had upset the Israelis who had hoped to continue evicting the Palestinian people into the East Bank, which Israel considers as an alternative homeland for the Palestinian people. The paper expressed surprise at remarks by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who repeated the U.S. policy of not negotiating with the PLO despite the fact that His Majesty King Hussein reaffirmed the organisation's status as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Shultz's statement, the paper said, cast doubts on U.S. credibility and raises scepticism about its claims

U.S. courts Eastern Europe

By George Gedda
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As an outgrowth of the new era in Soviet-American relations, the United States has been casting a far more benign eye toward Moscow's allies in Eastern Europe, engaging in contacts that would have seemed impossible just two years ago.

For years, Washington tended to look on the East Europeans as submissive stepchildren of Moscow, with little room to manoeuvre either in their internal or external policies.

But since the advent of the Gorbachev era in 1985, the Reagan administration has been quickly expanding its contacts among east bloc countries, especially Poland and Hungary.

These efforts bore fruit this past week with the first visit ever to Washington by a Hungarian Communist Party leader and the first in nine years by a Polish foreign minister.

Contacts elsewhere have been accelerating as well. Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, who has been given special responsibility for Eastern Europe, has visited each of the bloc countries at least twice.

The Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Rozanne Ridgway, has had a particular interest in Eastern Europe since her days as ambassador to East Germany and has worked hard on developing closer ties with bloc countries.

There has been a more active dialogue with Bulgaria lately. But Romania, which once received special treatment because of its willingness to disagree with Moscow, has fallen from favour after renouncing a beneficial trade arrangement it had with the United States and because of its poor domestic human rights record.

U.S. relations with Poland hit bottom in 1981 when the administration slapped on a series of sanctions after Polish authorities imposed martial law. The administration responded to gradual political liberalisation by lifting sanctions one by one until the last of the measures was lifted in 1987.

"We have normalised our relations" Foreign Minister Tadeusz Olechowski said Thursday after a

meeting with U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz. He invited Shultz to reciprocate his visit.

More noteworthy was the visit the previous day of Hungarian Communist Party leader Karoly Grosz with President Reagan. Grosz, who was named to that post in May after serving as premier for the past year.

Hungary embarked on a series of economic and social experiments in the late 1960s, but dissidents say not enough has been done.

Like Mikhail Gorbachev, Grosz is an advocate of economic and political reform to remedy Hungary's economic problems, winning plaudits from U.S. officials for his candidness.

"We have been impressed with your openness to new ideas," Reagan told Grosz Wednesday. As Grosz carried out his U.S. travels, it was sometimes easy to overlook his Marxist underpinnings. He spent 11 days on his U.S. tour, moving easily among business people and others while visiting California, New York and Illinois, where he witnessed the signing of a \$115-million joint venture between a U.S. glass firm and a Hungarian enterprise.

Both Poland and Hungary are plagued by huge foreign debts and are eager for greater access to U.S. markets. But as Warsaw Pact allies of the Soviet Union, their purchases of American products will have to be limited to non-strategic items.

And, although both Poland and Hungary give their citizens more freedom than other bloc countries, both remain committed to continuing one-party rule.

Their military alliances with Moscow appear to be very much intact. The Soviets have 65,000 troops in Hungary and 40,000 in Poland.

Still, American officials are pleased with the evolution in both countries. Grosz in particular has a popular following for his willingness to expand the capitalist sector and to encourage more foreign private investment.

Grosz said Tuesday he is trying "to establish something new, something more modern, something more efficient in the interest of developing the Hungarian nation."

PLO affirms commitment to PNC

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The council also reaffirmed its commitment to the PLO and said the PLO would shoulder all its national and pan-Arab responsibilities in its capacity as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and bear the consequences and results of its moves, the statement said.

"The council reaffirmed the Palestinian leadership's commitment to the Palestinian people and the Palestinian people's adherence to the leadership as well as the unique relations between the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples as was confirmed in earlier resolutions."

"The council therefore recommends that the PLO Executive Committee study all aspects and consequences of the Jordanian decision and take the necessary action and hold contacts with Jordan and other Arab states, friendly countries and international organisations with the aim of giving more strength to the Palestinian people to pursue their uprising against the Zionist occupation and regain their inalienable rights, including the right to return to their land and determine their future in their land."

"Furthermore, the council also asks the Executive Committee to exercise self-restraint in its actions and asks Executive Committee members to refrain from giving any statement outside the legal framework of the committee and except through the PLO chairman at this critical juncture that the Arab Nation is passing through."

Israeli activists say Faisal Hussein is a man of peace

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Faisal Hussein, a top Palestinian activist jailed by the Israeli occupation authorities has emerged as a local leader respected by leftist Israelis for his willingness to negotiate directly with the Zionist state.

"Hussein has a keen sense of realism, and in this case, realism means compromise," said Moshe Amirav, who was kicked out of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc after holding secret talks with Hussein last year.

The soft-spoken Hussein, 48, was arrested Sunday and ordered held without trial for six months. He already has served 12 months in prison under two similar sentences.

One period of arrest began in September 1987, shortly after Hussein's talks with Amirav were revealed. The latest arrest came days after he told an Israeli audience in a rare public dialogue that he endorsed direct talks with Israeli leaders, including hardliner Shamir.

His detention was seen as an effort by Israel to prevent the expansion of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) activities following Sunday's decision by Jordan to sever legal and administrative ties with the occupied West Bank.

U.S. officials and Israeli liberals condemned Hussein's arrest, saying Israel should encourage Palestinians who seek accommodation with Israel.

"If I were prime minister, I

wouldn't have put him in jail. I would have said to him, 'let's sit down and talk business,'" Amirav said.

The Israeli newspaper Davar described Hussein as an important potential negotiating partner and said he would be a contender for the job of prime minister in a future Palestinian state.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has described Hussein as the top PLO official in the occupied territories and has accused him of inciting protests against the Israeli occupation.

Background
Hussein is a scion of one of the largest and most powerful Palestinian families.

His great uncle was Haj Amin Al Hussein, the mufti of Jerusalem who served as president of the Supreme Muslim Council in Palestine from 1920 to 1944.

Faisal Hussein's father, Abdul Khader Hussein, commanded Arab forces in Jerusalem in the 1948 war. He was killed in the fighting.

As a young man, Hussein studied at a military college in Damascus and became an X-ray technician. He later developed a love for history, and studied the subject for two years in Beirut in the 1970s.

He had to break off his studies when Israeli officials placed him under town arrest in Jerusalem from 1981 to 1987, forbidding him from leaving the city limits and confining him to his home from sundown to sunrise.



Faisal Hussein

He was accused of subversive activities, but never put on trial. Police said after Hussein's arrest Sunday that he had renewed "subversive hostile activities," including coordination and incitement of the almost eight-month-old uprising in the occupied territories.

Police also closed Hussein's Arab Studies Centre for one year, charging it was controlled and financed by the PLO and served as a meeting place for PLO activists.

Staff members said the institute was funded by international grants and provided information about the Palestinian people and its history.

Four days before his latest arrest, Hussein participated in a public dialogue with leftist Israelis, fielding tough questions from some participants and winning applause for his answers.

Asked whether Palestinians would be satisfied with a state alongside Israel, he said:

"Indeed, I do have a dream. But just as I am not willing to let others impose their dreams on my fellow men."

Hussein's wife, Najat, said she believes her husband was arrested because of his dialogue with Israeli peace activists.

"Whenever he speaks about peace," she said, "they put him in prison."

Dutch seek release
The Netherlands urged Israel Tuesday to release Hussein.

A Dutch Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Henk Vijverberg, travelling ambassador and the ministry's most senior political civil servant, made the appeal at a regular meeting with the Israeli ambassador in the Hague.

"Vijverberg expressed the Dutch government's concern over Hussein's detention. The Netherlands has always voiced criticism over Israel's policy to detain Palestinian activists, especially moderate ones," spokeswoman Renee Groenewoud said.

"How can you have fruitful talks with the Palestinians when you jail them," she added.

U.S. probe finds human error in Airbus downing

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Defence Department investigators have concluded that human error was primarily responsible for the shooting down of an Iranian jetliner by a U.S. warship, according to a published report Wednesday.

The official American report on the disaster that killed 290 people last month says that the sophisticated radar equipment on board the cruiser USS Vincennes functioned well, the ABC News television network reported Tuesday.

In its Wednesday editions, the New York Times said the investigators believed the crew members' error stemmed from the psychological stress of being in combat for the first time.

U.S. navy officials have said the report would not be released before mid-August. Rear Admiral William M. Fogarty heads the team that is investigating the disaster. Fogarty presented his findings Monday in General George Crist, commander of the U.S.

The report also indicates the plane was climbing rather than descending towards the ship, as officials first said.

Information on a plane's speed and altitude are not presented on the main Aegis radar screen on board the Vincennes but must be called up separately on a smaller screen by one of the officers operating the system, ABC News said.

The network said it could not immediately be learned whether the report concluded that those in the ship's combat information centre misinterpreted the information on the screens, or conveyed it inaccurately to Captain Will C. Rogers, who made the decision to fire.

'Misinterpretations of signals'

The Times, quoting unidentified officials familiar with the inquiry, said the error stemmed from misinterpretations by radar operators who "in the stress of

battle... mistakenly convinced themselves that the aircraft they had spotted" on their screens was hostile.

The investigators concluded that tension aboard the Vincennes was particularly high because the ship had just engaged in a brief battle with some Iranian attack boats, the Times said, noting that the ship's crew had received extensive training but had never been in battle before.

The newspaper said the full conclusions of the investigators were not known but "it is also believed that the Vincennes crew mistook an electronic identification signal from a C-130 aircraft at Bandar Abbas airport to be from the passenger airliner."

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman William Crowe defended Rogers after the plane was downed. American military officials said the plane was approaching in an "attack pattern" and transmitting military-style transponder signals.

Iran denied both claims. Crowe is still convinced that Rogers acted properly on the basis of information available to him, ABC News reported.

ICAO team in Bandar Abbas

Iran said Wednesday a team from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) had arrived in the southern port of Bandar Abbas to investigate the downing of the Airbus.

During its three-day visit, the team will visit the crash site near Hangam Island in the Strait of Hormuz and examine wreckage recovered from the seabed, the Iranian news agency IRNA said.

The agency said the five-member team would review search operations and visit Bandar Abbas airport.

Iran said Sunday that 182 bodies had been recovered from the Gulf and the search for the plane's flight recorder was continuing.

Bourguiba celebrates birthday in seclusion

TUNIS (R) — Former President Habib Bourguiba spent his birthday Wednesday in seclusion and with none of the pomp and splendour that marked the occasion when he was in power.

Instead the anniversary — the first since Bourguiba was declared senile and removed from office last November — passed amid apparent national indifference.

As the new regime of President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali dismantles the trappings of Bourguiba's 30-year rule, even the ex-head of state's age — officially 85, but probably 87 according to a recent biography — is now openly in dispute.

Far from his east coast home town of Monastir, where he celebrated previous birthdays with fanfare, Bourguiba has been held under medical supervision on a cypress tree-lined estate south of Tunis since his enforced retirement.

Family friends said no special celebration was planned on his birthday which is no longer a national holiday and was ignored by official media.

A song traditionally broadcast to mark the occasion, lauding the prowess of the "supreme fight-

er," has been banned and no birthday cannon will be fired in Monastir.

Bourguiba used to visit his magnificent mausoleum at the time of his birthday, but work on it has been stopped.

The authorities have not replied to a request by the ex-president to spend the summer in Skanes Palace, near Monastir, family friends said.

They said Bourguiba read daily newspapers, watched television and took regular walks in the garden of the well-guarded estate at Mornag.

These walks, when he was in power at Carthage Palace, would be broadcast daily on television. His summertime swims, with dives into the sea in his younger days from rocks on Monastir beach, could also be seen nationwide.

While statues of Bourguiba have been removed and main streets renamed to erase his legacy in many towns, Tunisia's first president is still hailed as a historical figure.

Ibn Ali, addressing the ruling party, which Bourguiba dominated for more than half a century, paid public tribute last week to the ex-president's achievements.



Habib Bourguiba

Vassiliou: Conditions ripe for Cyprus peace

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President George Vassiliou of Cyprus said Tuesday the international climate was right for next month's negotiations at the United Nations to resolve the Cyprus problem.

"The time is now. The climate is right. The omens are good," he told reporters at the National Press Club.

Vassiliou, in Washington for talks with senior officials, said international tensions are being reduced because the two superpowers are cooperating, regional conflicts are being settled and the United Nations is playing a stronger peace-making role.

Vassiliou will meet Turkish Cypriot leaders at the United Nations Aug. 24 to try to negotiate a solution to the island's conflict between the Turkish and the Greek communities.

A solution proposes Cyprus should become a federal republic with two states — one administered by the Greek Cypriots, the other by the Turkish Cypriots, he said.

"But Cyprus will be one country, with a single international personality," he said.

He called on Turkey to with-

draw its 29,000 troops stationed in Cyprus and to demilitarise the country, proposing the deployment of an international peace-keeping force.

Vassiliou also pledged his country would not seek union with Greece if Turkish troops departed.

"The concept of union with Greece is not any more considered a realistic objective," Vassiliou said at a news conference.

Turkey invaded the island in 1974 ostensibly to protect the minority Turkish Cypriot population against the possibility that Cyprus would unite with Greece.

About 70 per cent of the island's population are Greek Cypriots.

If the Turkish troops and tanks depart, Vassiliou said, Cyprus will give up its sovereign right to have its own military forces and dismiss its army of 10,000.

"The several hundred million dollars saved would be diverted to economic development, especially the Turkish Cypriot community, which has fallen behind," he said.

"Today, the free part of Cyprus has a healthy economy," he said earlier in a speech.

Prince Philip's mother finally buried in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Princess Andrew of Greece, mother of Britain's Prince Philip and mother-in-law of Queen Elizabeth, was buried in Jerusalem in accordance with her last wishes Wednesday, 19 years after her death.

The princess was a Greek Orthodox nun for the last 20 years of her life, and her body had awaited transfer to Jerusalem from Windsor Castle in England since her death in 1969 at the age of 84.

Political and religious barriers stood in the way of her burial in Jerusalem.

"It was her dying wish to be buried near her aunt, the late Grand Duchess Elizabeth, whom she greatly loved and admired," said a British consulate official in Jerusalem.

A dispute arose because of the religious problems in burying the Greek Orthodox Princess Andrew next to her aunt in a "white" Russian Orthodox church.

A compromise was struck, and before dawn Wednesday 73-year-old Princess George of Hanover, Prince Philip's eldest sister, flew in with the coffin at the head of a rare royal delegation.

Israeli bodyguards said the other royal visitors were the queen's domestic chaplain, the dean of Windsor and his wife, and royal funeral director Christopher Kenyon. Consul General Ivan Callan and his wife represented the British government.

British officials, commenting on Israeli press speculation that Prince Philip would attend, said

there had never been such a plan. Buckingham Palace declined to comment.

After a commemoration service on the Mount of Olives led by the Greek Orthodox patriarch of Jerusalem, the remains were taken to their final resting place at the nearby onion-domed Russian Orthodox Church, St. Mary Magdalene in Getsemane.

Six Israeli bodyguards, one wearing the blue-and-white knitted skullcap of a religious Jew, served as pallbearers and lifted the coffin, draped in the family coat of arms, onto a trolley which they rolled into the church.

More indictments expected in Libya case

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia (AP) — More indictments are expected in an alleged plot to divert Libyan government money for recruiting dissident support in the United States, a U.S. government prosecutor said Tuesday.

Six Libyans and two other Arab nationals are accused in a 40-count indictment, which makes no mention of previous accusations that one of the defendants took part in a plot to assassinate a senior U.S. official, purportedly former White House aide Oliver North, who helped plan the 1986 bombing of Libya.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis gave three men until 5 p.m. (2200 GMT) Thursday to appeal an order that they be jailed for civil contempt of court for refusing to testify before the grand jury investigating the case.

The three have been told they are not targets of the investigation. They were promised immunity from prosecution but refused to testify in protest over the government's wire tapping of their phones and what they said were other violations of their rights.

Attorney John Keats, representing Vernon Bellecourt and William Means, argued that since the grand jury had already returned indictments, their testimony was not needed.

Assistant U.S. attorney Lawrence J. Leiser said, however, that the grand jury, which under U.S. law is called to determine whether a person should be charged, was considering more charges.

Last week's indictments charge the eight with laundering money

and violating the 1986 Libyan sanctions regulations that prohibit travel to and transactions with Libya.

Bellecourt, of the White Earth Chippewa Nation from Northern Minnesota, said he visited Libya several times and was one of the organisers of a 1987 rally in Tripoli marking the first anniversary of the U.S. bombing. Means, of the International Indian Treaty Council, has also acknowledged visiting Libya. The third person involved in the grand jury contempt case is Bob Brown, of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party, which supports a unified Africa.

"We proudly travelled to Libya to condemn this government's barbaric attack and reaffirm our First Amendment Right," Brown told a news conference before the hearing.

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OPEC ministers start talks on oil prices, overproduction

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) — Five key OPEC oil ministers met Wednesday to see if the group could do anything about some members' excess output which is being blamed for a glut and weak prices.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC's) pricing committee of Algeria, Indonesia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela has the power to call an emergency meeting of all 13 group members.

But industry analysts said it was unlikely to do that as there was no guarantee that any concrete measures would emerge to stop output quota violations and buoy prices.

Princes eased some 30 cents a barrel before the talks started. British North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded grade on the spot or free crude oil market, was quoted at \$15 a barrel for September delivery — well below a benchmark \$18 which OPEC is pledged to defend.

Traders and oil industry analysts said the market had risen recently on expectations of a quick end to the Iran-Iraq war, which might ease tensions within OPEC.

But the market is now sceptical

about Gulf peace prospects and over what might come out of the Lausanne talks.

"There is a general realisation that the OPEC talks are unlikely to achieve much and that the Gulf war may not be ending soon after all," Fergus Macleod of London brokers Barclays De Zoete Wedd said.

OPEC Secretary-General Subroto, a former Indonesian oil minister and veteran OPEC negotiator, is at the talks here which are being held in a luxury hotel and may last only a day.

He reaffirmed Tuesday that the United Arab Emirates, which has said its OPEC quota of 948,000 barrels daily is unfair, had now pledged to respect OPEC output rules.

But the UAE recently said it would produce 1.5 million barrels daily from August.

Meanwhile a Reuters survey of industry sources Tuesday put total OPEC production at an 11-month high of 18.98 million barrels daily in July, up from 18.5 million in June.

If OPEC were strictly keeping to its quotas it would be producing only about 17.5 million barrels.

The sources said most of the July rise in output came from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait and Iraq.

But Saudi Minister Hisham Nazer said in Lausanne that the kingdom was within its quota.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been lending Iraq revenue from the Neutral Zone on their common border, whose output of 400,000 barrels daily they share, to help its war effort against non-Arab Iran.

Subroto said the likely effect of an end to the fighting would be discussed but that there were two conflicting schools of thought on this.

He said one held that, with the war ended, OPEC unity would be boosted and efforts to curb supplies and raise prices would be more fruitful.

The other was that Iran and Iraq would maximise output to raise cash to rebuild their shattered economies and repay debts.

Officials promote Jordan trade

AMMAN (J.T.) — Brazil's ambassador to Jordan Felix De Faria Tuesday met with Industry and Trade Minister Hamdi Tabbaa and handed him a draft trade agreement between Brazil and Jordan.

The agreement will be compared with a Jordanian draft prior to final agreement on a joint version which will be signed later, according to a report in the local press.

It said that the agreement will facilitate the sale of Jordanian potash and other products in exchange for Brazilian goods.

Brazil is a major importer of Jordanian potash of which Jordan

last year exported 100,000 tonnes to various countries.

A report in the Sawt Al Shaab Arabic newspaper said that Amman Chamber of Industry's President Khalid Abu Hassan also discussed marketing Jordanian products in Britain and China during meetings with attaches of these countries in Amman Tuesday.

The chamber, according to the paper, had circulated invitations to various embassies to visit the chamber's permanent exhibition of national products.

According to the paper, the chamber is now involved in studies for establishing a council for

developing and promoting the sale of Jordanian products abroad.

The board would be entrusted with facilitating exports and providing information about international markets for Jordanian producers.

Accord with USSR

In another development, the Jordanian government is reported working out a draft agreement on trade with the Soviet Union. Sawt Al Shaab said that Jordan and the Soviet Union last year signed a programme on cultural, and scientific cooperation following His Majesty King Hussein's visit to the Soviet Union.

Report sees crisis over Third World food bills

LONDON (R) — A future in which the Third World needs huge grain imports to feed its people but cannot afford prices that would persuade exporters to grow it was envisaged Tuesday by the International Wheat Council (IWC).

A study by the IWC, a worldwide grain trade organisation, said developing countries may account for almost 80 per cent of trade in grains by the year 2000, compared with half in 1985.

"Developing countries are becoming more and more reliant on the world market to provide their basic food needs," it said.

But it also said: "There is an evident, and possibly widening, gap between the prices which many of the importers can afford to pay for their grain and the returns which producers, even low cost ones, need if they are to remain in business."

It said its projections were tentative.

But it thought it likely that grain imports by Third World nations and China would reach 170 million tonnes by the year 2000, from 101 million in 1985.

Third World imports were headed higher not only because of rapidly rising populations, dietary changes and economic growth, but because of an influx of poor people to the cities.

Developing countries tended to subsidise food consumption to satisfy city dwellers, further boosting imports — for example, a standard white bread loaf costs 177 cents per kilogramme in the United States, 10 cents in Brazil and 18 cents in Egypt.

The IWC, noting the impact of the present American drought, said developing countries were vulnerable to any rise in prices.

If these did no more than return to 1980 levels, the cost of Third World imports would jump to \$25 billion from \$14 billion in 1986.

"The ability of many developing countries to cope with high prices has probably been reduced because of their chronic financial difficulties," the study added.

Industrial countries are expected to import only 47 million tonnes by 2000, down from 103 million now, leaving world grain trade nearly the same by the turn of the century as now at about 215 million tonnes.

French police uncover international swindle

PARIS (R) — French police said Tuesday they had arrested several ringleaders of an international fraud involving the sale of fake North American stock with a face value of millions of dollars.

Police sources said seven people had been arrested in France, two in West Germany, and two in Switzerland in the past few days.

They included Americans, Germans, Swiss, a Briton, a Canadian and a 24-year-old Indian-born businessman. Police said they ran a network of phoney financial newsletter companies promoting and selling non-existent U.S. stocks.

Worthless paper with a minimum face value of between \$80 and \$150 million had been sold to unsuspecting investors over the past two years, they said.

The sources said the network of fraudulent investment companies was believed to be active in Bahrain, Argentina, Liechtenstein, Cyprus, Sweden and France. They said profits from the scheme were laundered through a Gibraltar bank account.

A senior politician from the Alpine tax-haven of Liechtenstein had also been questioned in the affair by French police who visited the principality, they added.

Three Americans arrested in Lyon and Cannes last Friday and charged with fraud Monday were alleged to have operated the French end of the swindle.

They were named as Thomas

Quinn, Rachel Rothfisch, and Dominik Di Mare. A British citizen identified as Carl Davies, 41, was among those arrested, police sources said.

The sources named several financial companies, investment newsletters and fake North American stocks which allegedly figured in the scheme.

The swindle — described by investigators as remarkably simple — relied on the fact that the performance of over-the-counter stock is scantily reported outside the United States, the sources said.

Transactions in the over-the-counter market are conducted by telephone and telex directly between dealers as principals rather than agents, and not on a highly-regulated trading floor.

"The newsletters," sent free of charge to a target list of potential investors, would strongly recommend likely-sounding stock which would later be sold over the telephone to those interested. No certificates were ever delivered to buyers.

Later issues of the bulletin would chart the stock's fictitious rise and the buyers would be encouraged to reinvest their profits in more non-existent shares, investigators said.

After a few months the newsletters suddenly ceased appearing, and the swindlers moved on to a fresh patch with a different set of company names to promote a new set of stocks.

U.S. urged to take lead to ease Third World debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two top U.S. financiers and a former cabinet member from Colombia called on the United States to take the lead in a new strategy for easing the burden on the Third World of its \$1.2 trillion debt.

James D. Robinson III, chairman of the American Express Co., Tuesday pressed for setting up an independent "institute of international debt and development" to buy up Third World debt at a discount and benefit the debtors by reducing interest rates.

He said this should be done through a joint venture by the

World Bank and its sister organisation, the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Both the World Bank and the IMF have 151 member governments, with the United States having the biggest voting strength, but decisions for both bodies are reached mainly through consensus.

Eugene H. Rotberg, executive vice president of Merrill Lynch and Co., and Rodrigo Botero, former finance minister of Colombia, both supported a role in this matter for the World Bank, where Rotberg served as vice president.

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French franc	58.4/	59.0	Lebanese lira	1.1/	1.14
Italian lira (for 100)	26.7/	27.0	Iraqi dinar	310.0/	322.5
Japanese yen (for 100)	278.1/	280.9	Kuwaiti dinar	1330.0/	1340.0
Swedish crown	57.4/	58.0	Egyptian pound	160.0/	164.0
Swiss franc	236.3/	238.7	Omani riyal	101.3/	101.8
U.K. sterling pound	625.8/	636.1	UAE dirham	967.0/	972.5
U.S. dollar	349.5/	352.5	Omani riyal	967.0/	972.5
Deutschmark	197.0/	199.0	Bahraini dinar	985.0/	992.5

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for August 3, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	259463	JD 240973	357
Top three companies:			
Intermediate			
Petrochemical Industries	40504	JD 50389	62
Jordan Cement Factories	40084	JD 49645	55
Darco for Housing and Investment	45900	JD 24914	37
Parallel market:	11800	JD 4747	—
Development bonds:	—	—	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

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Ministry of Industry and Trade	663191	Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation	603507
Ministry of Supply	662121	Free Zones Corporation	642001
Ministry of Finance	663621	Amman Financial Market	660170
Ministry of Planning	644466	Amman Chamber of Commerce	666151
Ministry of Labour	663186	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
Ministry of Communications	847391	Association of Banks in Jordan	662258
Ministry of Agriculture	639391	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Income Tax Department	660151	General Statistics Department	646171
Central Bank of Jordan	630301	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
Amman Customs Department	772181		
Social Security Corporation	643000		
Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	721194		

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.7050/60	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.2060/70	Canadian dollar	
	1.8765/75	Deutschmarks	
	2.1160/70	Dutch guilders	
	1.5645/55	Swiss francs	
	39.25/28	Belgian francs	
	6.3270/3300	French francs	
	1583/1384	Italian lire	
	133.10/20	Japanese yen	
	6.4320/70	Swedish crowns	
	6.7970/8020	Norwegian crowns	
	7.1215/65	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	431.55/432.05	U.S. dollars	

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The market closed easier as investors took profits in all sectors. The All Ordinaries closed down 1.7 at 1,622.1.

TOKYO — Prices closed mixed with the market pausing after climbs for seven straight days, culminating in a record close Tuesday. The Nikkei index fell 17.88 to 28,348.45.

HONG KONG — Stocks closed slightly lower in fairly quiet trading clouded by concern about a flurry of forthcoming fund-raising exercises by listed companies. The Hang Seng index fell 8.46 to 2,692.63.

SINGAPORE — Prices forged ahead in the afternoon to close moderately higher on sustained buying interest and short-covering in active trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 9.37 to 1,170.20.

BOMBAY — Shares fell after the government ruled out tax relief on dividend income. Tata Steel fell 10 rupees to 822.5.

FRANKFURT — Prices closed mixed in light trading, after profit-taking wiped out some early gains inspired by strong first-half results for Deutsche Bank and Hoechst. The Dax index rose 3.46 to 1,187.67.

ZURICH — The market closed slightly higher in fairly quiet trading. The All Share Swiss index rose 4.2 to 893.6.

PARIS — Prices ended the continuous session easier in quiet trading.

LONDON — Share prices edged towards the day's highs in late-afternoon trading, reflecting Wall Street's recovery from early modest declines. Dealers said interest remained largely focused on speculative stocks while a lower sterling underpinned demand for international issues. At 1520 GMT, the FTSE 100 index was up 9.4 at 1,864.9.

NEW YORK — Stocks were narrowly mixed and directionless in late-morning trading. The Dow was up two at 2,134.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Honeyghan offered \$500,000 to fight Curry

NEW YORK (AP) — Top Rank has offered World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan of Britain a guarantee of \$500,000 to fight Donald Curry of the United States, for his WBC super welterweight title in October, a spokesman said Tuesday. Curry won his title in Italy when he knocked out Italian Gianfranco Rosti on July 8. Honeyghan won the world welterweight title from Curry on Sept. 27, 1986 with a sixth-round knockout in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Leverkusen beats PSV Eindhoven

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany (R) — UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen of West Germany beat European Cup winners PSV Eindhoven of The Netherlands 1-0 (halftime 0-0) in a soccer friendly Tuesday. Polish striker Marek Lesniak scored in the 72nd minute after a mistake by Dutch international Ronald Koeman.

Wittmann leads Argentine rally

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Franz Wittmann of Austria won the first stage of the Argentine motor rally on a sandy course at the Buenos Aires horse racing track Tuesday night. Wittmann, driving a Lancia, went around the two-mile (three km) course in two minutes 40.73 seconds at an average speed of 43 mph (69 kph). Italian Massimo Biasion, who is looking to clinch the World Drivers' Championship by winning the Argentine rally for the third straight year, was fifth in his Lancia. Local star Jorge Recalde, also driving a Lancia, was second just over four seconds behind Wittmann, one of only a handful of Europeans taking part. Austrians Rudi Stohl and Georg Fischer, driving Audi Quattros, were third and fourth respectively.

Australian 1,500-metre champ injured

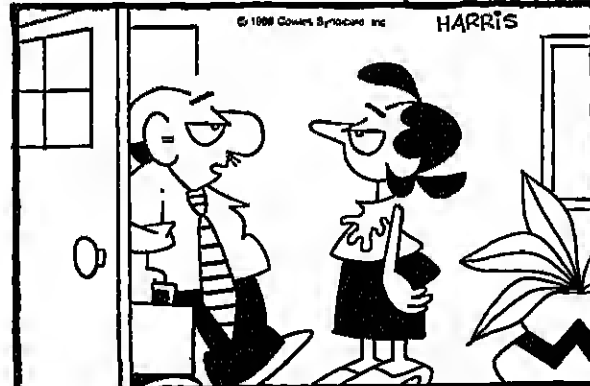
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Australian 1,500 metres champion Mike Hillardt underwent an operation on a troublesome Achilles tendon injury at the weekend and could miss the Seoul Olympic games in September, his coach said Wednesday. Earlier this month the injury forced Hillardt to withdraw from a series of meets in Europe. Hillardt, 27, currently is on crutches, but hopes to resume light training within 10 days, said coach Norm Osborne. Former world indoor champion Hillardt, an eight-time Australian champion over the distance, last year qualified for the final of the 1,500 metres at the World Track and Field Championships in Rome. He set an Australian Allcomers' 1,500 metres record of 3 minutes 34.06 seconds in Melbourne in March. Hillardt was a semi-finalist in the 1,500 metres at the Los Angeles Olympics four years ago.

U.S. diver charged in fatal car crash

TAMPA, Florida (R) — Olympic silver medal diver Bruce Kimball was charged with causing the deaths of two people Tuesday after he crashed his sports car into a crowd of teenagers, killing two and injuring six, police said. Police said Kimball raced his late model sports car down a dead-end road, careened off several other cars and rammed into a crowd of about 20 people in the small town of Brandon, Florida. Kimball, a 25-year-old platform diver who had been training for a spot on the U.S. team for the Seoul Olympics, won a silver medal in platform diving at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. U.S. Olympic diving coach Ron O'Brien said Kimball, who was released on bail, might be allowed to compete for a position on the team despite the criminal charges he faces.

THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



"I think my secretary is falling in love with me! She only insulted me 20 times today!"



Hundreds of high school students rehearse a traditional Korean dance in preparation for the Seoul Olympics closing ceremony at Chamsil Main Stadium.

S. Koreans seek Olympic limelight

By Lee Su-Wan
Reuter

SEOUL — For sports-mad South Koreans a successful staging of this summer's Olympics is not enough, they want to see their athletes move emphatically into the world class and win a fistful of medals.

South Korea, which has tried as hard as any Asian country to enter the world league, astonished many observers by emerging as the second largest gold medal winner at the 1986 Seoul Asian Games — a dress rehearsal for the Olympics.

The South Koreans streaked away from rivals Japan to take 93 gold medals, only one behind the traditional Asian giant, China.

But there are fears among sports experts that this stunning regional performance may have given the country a false sense of confidence. Foreign coaches say the Asian Games cannot even be compared to a U.S. national athletics meeting.

Sports officials here initially predicted that South Korean athletes would win 10 to 15 Olympic gold medals on their home turf.

Seoul newspapers questioned the reality of these lofty ambitions in July last year when a 122-strong team which competed in all 12 sports at the World Student Games in Zagreb, Yugoslavia came back with no gold medals.

As a result, sports officials reviewed their initial predictions and say they will be happy with half the original estimate.

"Our target for the Seoul Olympics is to improve on our 10th place in the medal standings at the 1984 Los Angeles games when our athletes won six golds, six silvers and seven bronzes, said Kim Jip, head of South Korea's Olympic squad.

"It is true that our athletes are under great pressure psychologically because national expectations are extremely high for them," Kim said.

Although the South Koreans have undergone a draconian training regime for more than 18 months at a secluded camp in northeastern Seoul, there are signs they are still far behind world standards and may win only a handful of gold medals.

Some sports officials say they are afraid the South Koreans could even emulate the Canadians who, in 1976 at Montreal, became the only host country to fail to win a gold.

"The challenge this time is much tougher because the Seoul games provides the first Olympic competition between the top sports nations of East and West for 12 years," one official at the Korean Olympic Committee said.

South Korea is fielding its biggest-ever Olympic squad — 320 men and 157 women athletes — to compete in all 23 events at the Seoul Games.

Officials say the best Olympic chances will come in women's archery, boxing, judo, wrestling, shooting and table tennis.

South Korea's women's archery squad, comprising three high school girls, hopes to win both the team and individual events.

Among the youthful trio, 17-year-old Kim Su-Nyong is the local favorite. "Though she is young, she is bold and seldom loses her temper, her recent records are much better than those of her nearest rivals in the Soviet Union and China," an official at the Korea Archery Association said.

South Korean chances also appear good in boxing with the Cubans boycotting the games.

Local boxing fans pin much hope on two-time flyweight world

cup champion Kim Kwang-Sun, 24, a hulish fighter with strong books.

South Korea also hopes to win golds in wrestling, which came to prominence when Yang Chong-Mo earned the country's first Olympic gold medal in the featherweight free-style event at the Montreal Games in 1976. South Korea went on to win two wrestling golds at Los Angeles.

In judo, South Korea hopes to repeat its success in Los Angeles where Ahn Byong-Keun and Hah Hyong-Zoo won top honors in the 71 kg and 95 kg weight divisions. Ahn and Hah, both 27,

will challenge this time to become two-time Olympic champions.

Traditional judo power Japan took four gold medals at the Los Angeles games, but two years later at the 1986 Seoul Asian Games, it lost its dominance in the sport by taking only two golds against South Korea's six.

In shooting, Kwak Jong-Hoon, 30, who won the men's smallbore standard rifle event in the pre-Olympic Shooting Championships last October in Seoul, is expected to pick up a medal.

Table tennis makes its Olympic debut in Seoul as an official sport.

Olympic commemorative coins on sale to finance games

NEW YORK (R) — While athletes will compete for gold medals at the upcoming 1988 Seoul Olympics, fans can go for their own gold by buying commemorative coins issued to help pay for the events.

Billed as the most exclusive souvenir of the games, the gold and silver coins are for sale both to collectors and the general public.

Some 30,000 one-ounce gold coins have been minted, with the obverse side showing the Dabotap Pagoda, which was built in the eighth century. The reverse depicts the roses of Sharon, the national flower of Korea.

The coins, costing \$840 for the one-ounce gold coin and \$495 for the half-ounce gold coin, can increase in value over the years. "In the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, the 1,000 yen coin that sold for about three dollars is now worth about \$60," said MTB executive vice president Luis Vigdor.

One coin depicts wrestling, one of the most popular sports in Korea, and a Korean wrestling demonstration was given at Manhattan's Swank "21 club" Tuesday to mark the introduction of the coins.

Commemorative game coins date back to 480 B.C., when the first Olympic coins were struck. But it was not until 1951 — more than 50 years after the birth of the modern Olympics — that game coins returned to the market.

Kyung-Ho Kim, director general of the business department of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee, said revenue from the coin sales would provide about 10 per cent of the total direct costs of the games.

Becker struggles to beat Nelson

INDIANAPOLIS (Agencies) — Two-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker was pushed to three sets before winning and fourth-seed Tim Mayotte was upset in the second round of the U.S. Men's Hardcourt Championships Tuesday.

Becker, the West German superstar ranked fifth in the world and the top seed in this \$415,000 tournament battled two hours and 29 minutes for his 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 victory over unseeded American Todd Nelson.

Mayotte, ranked 10th in the world, was ousted by fellow American Mark Dickson 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.

Nelson, 84th in the world, took Becker to the third set by winning the first five points of the tiebreak.

In the third set, however, Becker broke service for a 4-2 lead and did it again in the eighth game to win the match.

"I didn't want to stay out there for two and a half hours," he said. "I had enough chances to win in two sets. I got down on myself when I didn't."

This is Becker's first event since he finished second to Sweden's Stefan Edberg at Wimbledon, which he won in 1985 and 1986.

"My game plan was to keep the pressure on him," said Nelson, who has beaten some of the world's top players. "Playing him (Becker) you have to be ready for anything. I think I played a good match, but I can play better. The way the first set went (there was only one service break in the fourth game) I thought I could win."

Dickson, who ranks 147th in the world, said: "I dictated play more than he did. I was able to keep him off balance and make him miss. I play every point like it's a match point."

In the afternoon, American John Ross upset Australian Davis Cupper John Fitzgerald.

Ross, who is ranked 153rd in the world, knocked off the seventh seeded Fitzgerald 6-3, 7-5 in one hour and 35 minutes.

Ross won the last four games of the first set and broke service in the 12th game of the second set with a passing forehand to beat Fitzgerald, who is ranked 27th.

Fitzgerald said Ross played "solid, and deserved to win. He has a very effective game and a serve that kicks high. I was sluggish, I wasn't getting to the ball."

Lecote-Rackl match postponed

In Kitzbuehel, Austria, the first-round match between top-seeded Henri Lecote of France and unseeded Markus Rackl at the Austrian Open Grand Prix tennis tournament was suspended Tuesday because of rain.

Lecote led the West German 7-6 in the first set when the match was halted on the second day of the \$290,000 tourney. The men's singles contest will be completed Wednesday.

Earlier, fourth-seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain beat Alexander Antonitsch of Austria 6-1, 6-4 in an opening-round match, while unseeded Franco Davin of Argentina upset seventh-seeded Joakim Nyström of Sweden 6-2, 6-4.

In other first-round matches, Austrian Thomas Muster overcame West Germany's Hansjörg Schwaier 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; Alberto Mancini of Argentina defeated Austria's Horst Skoff 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; and Luiz Mattar of Brazil downed Austrian Oliver Fuchs 6-1, 6-2.

Also Czechoslovakia's Milan Srejber topped Spain's Javier Sanchez 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; Wojtek Kowalski of Poland ousted Australia's Mark Woodforde 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 and Uruguay's Marcelo Filippini eliminated Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany 6-1, 7-6.

Hungary introduces penalty shoot-outs into league soccer

BUDAPEST (R) — Hungary has introduced penalty shoot-outs into league soccer in a package of sweeping changes in the game which has been in turmoil here in recent years.

Penalties will decide the outcome when a match is drawn after 90 minutes, the Hungarian Football Association (MLSZ) announced ahead of Saturday's start to the season.

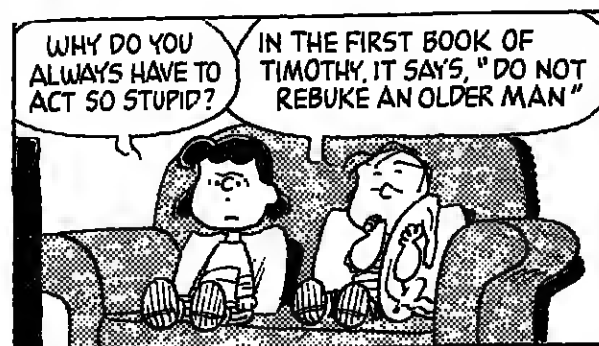
Hungarian soccer has been plagued by allegations of match-rigging and the once-powerful national side has had five managers in the last two years after suffering a number of humiliating defeats.

Under the new rules, a winning team after 90 minutes will receive three points instead of two. A side victorious in a penalty shoot-out will receive two points and the loser one.

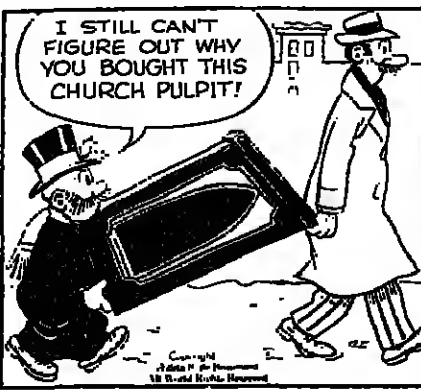
The MLSZ has also decided to introduce a play-off system involving the teams finishing 13th and 14th in the 16-club first division and the runners-up in the two second division groups.

The bottom two clubs in the top division will be relegated and their places taken by the winners of the two second division.

Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



FIRST RACE 4.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- A. El Kareem Salim Rakad	M. Rakad	Owner	Daltallah	56
2- Salim Ahmad A. Rawas	Salwan	Owner	Fawaz	53
3- Majed Fadil Manshah	Sarmah	Owner	Tallah	53
4- Abdullah A. El Raheem	Adham	Owner	A. Jabr	53
5- Farhan Fathi Oudh	Maha	Owner	Salamh	51.5
6- Abid Sulman Khawathir	Saad Abid	Owner	Ahmad	50
7- Saud Mohammed Soud	M. Faisal	Owner	Yousel	50
8- Abdullah Dawoud	Ghobar	Owner	Najib	50
9- Fares Khashman Hawatim	M. Khashman	Owner	Yousel	50
10- Bashhar Miehri Baraish	Israa	Owner	Ibrahim	48.5
11- A. El Sater Matar	J. Mshaker	Owner	Saad	48.5
12- Mamdouh Mohammad Khalil	W. Hazim	Owner	Saad	48.5
13- Sulman Moawad Sulman	Z. El Allah	Owner	George	48.5

THIRD RACE 5.00 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Azzih	Abbas	Ibrahim	58.5
2- Ahmed Sharkey	Shallal	Owner	Rasheed	58
3- Sultan Faisal Awwad Falez	M. El Nofous	Owner	Abbas	56.5
4- Samy Haddadin	Waheed	Owner	Salamh	56
5- Ghalib Haddadin	Makool	Owner	Saad	56
6- Nimir El Hmoud	Aghadi	Owner	Najib	53.5
7- Nimir El Hmoud	El Ghool	Owner	Hiary	53
8- Nimir El Hmoud	Barary	Owner	Najib	51.5
9- Najla Wasil Beharat	M. Dina	Khairidin	Georgia	48.5
10- Saad Eldin Rida Saad	Ghassab	Owner	Hiary	58

SECOND RACE 4.30 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Mashhour Faisal A. Jnaib	N. El Salt	Owner	Yousel	60
2- Sulman Salman Khawathir	Tallah	Owner	Ahmad	58
3- Hamad Abdullah Jarnay	S. Oaty	Owner	Ibrahim	58
4- Walid Assat & Khalid Iray	Sanaies	Owner	Sulman	56
5- Mohammad Sulman Kalfan	Shamookh	Owner	Salamh	53
6- Hany El Hadeed	Mashhour	Owner	Salamh	53
7- Talib El Naher	Bador	Owner	Kasim	53
8- Dr. A. El Naem A. Wandy	D. Maen	Owner	Saad	53
9- Samy El Ashran	Siraj	Owner	A. Jabr	53
10- Mohammad A. El Jalil	Miad	Owner	George	51.5
11- Abdullah Faez Aly Faez	W. Faez	Owner	Hiary	48.5

FOURTH RACE 5.30 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Ghalib Haddadin	Tamoun	Owner	Salamh	57
2- Khalil Haddadin	H. Maen	Owner	Saad	56
3- Aly Faeed El Saad	Saad Aly	Khairidin	A. Jabr	53
4- Aly Faeed El Saad	Sary	Khairidin	Mostala	53
5- Sherif Mahdy El Saily	Akan	Khairidin	Rasheed	53
6- Kamel Wasil Beharat	Naaman	Khairidin	George	53
7- Nimir El Hmoud	Ibn Rabadan	Owner	Najib	53
8- Nimir El Hmoud	Sahary	Owner	Hiary	51.5

FIFTH RACE 6.00 FOR THIRD & SECOND CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Ghalib Haddadin	Tarik	Owner	Salamh	55
2- Kamel Wasil Beharat	Elbaily	Khairidin	Rasheed	55
3- Kamel Wasil Beharat	H. El Roman	Khairidin	Saad	53
4- Nimir El Hmoud	Sahr	Owner	Najib	55
5- Nimir El Hmoud	Rum	Owner	Hiary	53.5
6- Aly Faeed El Saad	J. El Saad	Khairidin	George	55
7- Sultan Faisal Awwad Falez	Nasmin	Owner	Ibrahim	53.5
8- Samy Yacoub Madros	Min Karaem	Adnan	Saad	56

Cuba, Angola reject Pretoria offer

GENEVA (R) — Cuba and Angola Wednesday rejected a surprise South African proposal for a ceasefire in Angola and independence for Namibia, Cuba said.

"The South African proposal has not yet been discussed during the Geneva negotiations. Nor is it acceptable for the joint Angolan and Cuban delegation," Cuba said in a statement issued at U.S.-mediated talks on southern Africa in Geneva.

Cuba and Angola would not cut short the peace negotiations on southern Africa which began in London last May and have continued in Cairo, New York and Geneva, the Cuban statement said.

"Cuba and Angola reiterate their readiness to continue with seriousness and respect negotiations necessary to seek a just peace in the southwestern area of Africa," it said.

South Africa announced in Pretoria Tuesday that it was prepared to begin implementing a United Nations independence plan for South African-ruled Namibia Nov. 1.

The offer was conditional on Cuba withdrawing an estimated 50,000 troops from Angola by June next year and on the closing of seven Angolan bases of the African National Congress (ANC), which is fighting to end white domination in South Africa.

The announcement, made in Pretoria by Foreign Minister P. W. Botha, surprised delegates to the Geneva talks who had imposed a blanket of secrecy on their discussions.

Cuba said South Africa could not fix a date for the withdrawal of "international troops who defend Angola from the aggression of the South African government itself."

A date for Cuban withdrawal would be fixed by Angola and Cuba, "when threats to the integrity and sovereignty of Angola cease," Cuba said.

Angola and Cuba have previously proposed a Cuban withdrawal over four years. The Cuban troops are supporting the Angolan government against South African-backed UNITA rebels.

Cuba said South Africa could not make Namibian independence conditional on the termination of Angolan aid to the ANC, nor could it demand that restrictions be imposed on the activities of black nationalist Namibian fighters.

This would convert the Angolan government into a "gendarme of the aspirations of apartheid," Cuba said.

The Geneva talks are the fourth round of four-nation talks aimed at securing the withdrawal of the Cuban troops and independence for Namibia, which Pretoria rules in defiance of the United Nations.

Cuba accused South Africa of breaking a confidentiality agreement in force at the talks.

In an implied criticism of South Africa, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker, who is mediating, urged all parties Wednesday to respect secrecy

surrounding the talks. Asked if South Africa had broken the ground rules by making the announcement, Crocker told reporters: "We certainly are going to stick with the ground rules of talking at the table rather than in public and we would urge all parties to do so."

Crocker refused to comment when asked if Pretoria's surprise announcement had damaged chances of a settlement.

"Many positions have been stated in the past. There will be more in the future. The negotiations continue," he said.

Asked if progress could be made on Pretoria's proposal, Crocker said: "There's certainly going to have to be compromise on all sides if we are going to get a settlement, no doubt about it. This is no one's last word, this is a negotiation."

Under South Africa's proposal, independence elections would be held in Namibia June 1 next year.

Pretoria also suggested a ceasefire in Namibia and Angola from Aug. 10 and the withdrawal of South African forces from Angola by Sept. 1.



Daniel Arap Moi

Arap Moi secures sweeping powers

NAIROBI (R) — Swiftly and with a minimum of publicity, Kenya has amended its constitution to give the police wider powers of detention and President Daniel Arap Moi a free hand to dismiss judges.

The constitution of Kenya (amendment) bill of 1988 was published last Thursday, revised Monday and passed by parliament in less than two hours Tuesday.

It gives police powers to hold people suspected of capital crimes without charge for up to two weeks. The previous limit was 24 hours.

It has also given the president unrestricted power to dismiss judges and members of an independent commission that supervises the civil service.

The government and leaders of the ruling Kenya African National Union maintained public silence on the bill until the summary debate in Kenya's one-party parliament.

Attorney General Mathew Muli, who moved the bill, Vice-President Josephat Karanja, who seconded it, and Energy Minister Nicholas Biwott, a close associate of Arap Moi, spoke in support. No one spoke against.

The amendments, which required a 65 per cent majority to become law, were approved unanimously without a single abstention.

The only dissenting voices were those of lawyers and a few churchmen outside the political establishment.

Moscow pardons 'Red Square pilot'

MOSCOW (R) — Young West German pilot Mathias Rust is to be released from a Soviet jail by decree of the Supreme Soviet, the official TASS news agency said Wednesday.

TASS did not say when he would be freed but diplomatic sources said it was expected later Wednesday.

Reliable sources in Moscow said the 20-year-old Rust, who made an unauthorized flight in a light plane from Finland to Moscow's Red Square in May 1987, was to be handed over to West German diplomats at Moscow's Lefortovo jail.

The TASS report, issued on a domestic wire in Russian, said: "The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR has decreed that citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany Mathias Rust... be freed and expelled from the USSR."

There was no immediate comment from the West German embassy, but in Bonn West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher welcomed the news.

"Federal Minister Genscher sees in this decision the efforts of the Soviet authorities to solve humanitarian questions," he said in a brief statement.

Rust had been serving a four-year sentence imposed in September last year for violating Soviet air space on his daring flight which took him through some of the country's most sensitive defenses.

He landed his plane, a Cessna 150, under the walls of the Kremlin on Red Square.

His flight led to a major shakeup in the Soviet military, including the retirement of the country's Defence Minister Sergei Sokolov and the sacking of the air defence chief.

Teaching a gorilla to act like one

DALLAS (AP) — It's an age-old remedy for a five-year-old with behaviour problems: Pack him up and ship him off to boarding school. That is what the Dallas zoo did in 1987 with Kanda, a lowland gorilla who was having trouble after his mother died while giving birth to him. Kanda was shipped off to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs to learn how to act more like a gorilla, instead of aping the humans who had been hand-raising him. Reports from Colorado, where Kanda lives with three other gorillas, are encouraging. Dallas primate keeper Luther Pence says.

Police kill leopard in Pretoria

PRETORIA (AP) — Police shot and killed a wild leopard that harassed residents and roamed a Pretoria neighbourhood for several hours Tuesday morning. The leopard was first seen in the streets by residents of a Pretoria suburb at about 5:30 a.m. (0330 GMT), police said. Dr. Dickie Sinden said she encountered the leopard on her front porch when she opened the door to pick up her milk. "I managed to close the door in its face," she said. The cat broke several windows in an apartment building when it tried to attack another resident on the block, witnesses said. However, burglar bars on the windows prevented it from entering. About two hours later, police cornered the animal in a used car lot. A police helicopter flew a veterinarian with a dart gun to the scene. But before he could arrive the leopard attempted to attack policemen and was shot dead.

Other State Department officials said discussions on the possibility of a peacekeeping force were in a very preliminary stage and, thus it was too early to tell which nations, including the United States, might supply troops for it.

U.S. studies options in anti-Khmer Rouge drive

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. State Department official says the Khmer Rouge will not easily be kept from resuming power in Kampuchea, but that a combination of measures under consideration may succeed in blocking their return.

Officials said Tuesday the United States was examining creation of an international peacekeeping force as a way to prevent the Khmer Rouge from resuming power in Kampuchea, the State Department said Tuesday.

The proposal was one of several that were explored in talks last week between the Vietnamese-installed government in Phnom Penh and three guerrilla factions seeking to overthrow the rulers, said spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley.

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The Spratlys are a sparsely inhabited chain of some 100 islands and reefs in the South China Sea which are believed to sit over large oil deposits.

Last March, Chinese warships sank three Vietnamese ships in a clash off the Spratlys which both sides accused the other of starting.

He said the navy air force has

Taylor in hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — A fractured vertebra has forced Elizabeth Taylor into a hospital for rest and therapy, her physician says. The 56-year-old actress was admitted to St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, California, last Thursday. She will require strict bed rest and physiotherapy, her physician, William Skinner, said in a brief statement.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Soviet shuttle launch said delayed

WASHINGTON (R) — Computer problems have delayed the Soviet Union's first unmanned space shuttle until at least the end of the year, a television network said Tuesday. The NBC network quoted U.S. sources as saying Soviet officials had hoped to launch the shuttle this month but were experiencing problems. The resumption of U.S. manned shuttle flights has also been delayed. The date for the next U.S. shuttle flight, the first since the January 1986 Challenger explosion, was recently postponed to the end of the year because of a series of fuel leakage problems.

Protesters greet Thatcher in Melbourne

MELBOURNE (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was booed and jostled by about 200 demonstrators Wednesday afternoon during a walk through downtown Melbourne. Police formed a tight cordon around Thatcher, who was at one stage separated from her husband, Denis, as the crowd surged around her. The demonstrators chanted "Maggie out" as she walked through the Bourke street mall shopping precinct. It was not immediately clear which of her policies they were protesting.

Canadian light plane crashes, 3 killed

REYKJAVIK (AP) — A Canadian light aircraft crashed in flames Tuesday while trying to land at Reykjavik airport, killing all three crewmen and narrowly missing a crowded street, authorities said. The twin-propeller Casa Aviocar, on a flight from Goose Bay in Canada, emerged from clouds too close to the runway and stalled as the pilot tried to bring the nose up, the directorate of civil aviation said. It slammed into the ground 50 metres from a road crowded with rush-hour traffic and exploded in flames, the aviation authority said.

Brezhnev son-in-law to go on trial

MOSCOW (R) — A senior Soviet law official said Wednesday Yuri Churbinov, son-in-law of late Kremlin chief Leonid Brezhnev, would go on trial for corruption before a military court Sept. 5. Alexander Shoyev of the state prosecutor's office told the newspaper Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya that eight former top officers of the internal affairs ministry of the Central Asian Republic of Uzbekistan would be tried with him.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today is a day to be very practical and solve all mundane problems using patience and meticulousness. Avoid a financially-minded person who has an eye for what you have earned and built up.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): Get busy making collections, paying bills, straightening accounts, etc. If your home needs repairs, get more than one estimate.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): Study your appearance, and make improvements you feel are necessary. Later your stubbornness could lose you a friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): A good day to complete many practical affairs you have been putting off. Do not bring up any points with your mate, and maintain the peace.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Start setting up that work you have in mind so you can accomplish something important. Pay your share if you're out tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21): Get busy at worldly affairs that can bring you a greater income. Follow the orders of those in charge. Don't take risks with civic obligations.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Do more research work on that new

enterprise you are eager to start. An expert can give you the most important information.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Prioritize and schedule your responsibilities wisely. Listen carefully to a business person who can give you very good suggestions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Try to cooperate with a partner who is as stubborn as you, and avoid an altercation today. Don't let an outsider get you into debt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Handle activities that are important to you in a new way. Be more direct with a co-worker, and don't try any tricks with this person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): The details of a creative idea you are trying to manifest need more careful handling for you to succeed. Take your mate's suggestions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Be patient at work. Do not make everything harmonious there. Await a more favorable day to invite friends into your home.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): Be the orders of those in charge. Don't take risks with civic obligations.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Do more research work on that new

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A new attitude can bring you good fortune and a whole new opportunity where your career and income are concerned. A spirit of energy will make it possible for you to accomplish much.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): Get started early on keeping promises you have made. Get together tonight with those who can help you work out a plan for success.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): Set more expansive personal goals to make your life more interesting and to increase your income. Use your judgment wisely.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): With the aid of an adviser and the suggestions of your mate, you can get involved in activities that will increase your future assets.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): If you make an associate of a trusted friend, the enterprise you are working on can be a success. This person knows the ropes.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21): Discuss with a superior a plan you have in mind, and get the backing you need to be successful. The task for a raise at work, and get it.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Contact people out-of-state for

assistance to your plans for expansion. Plan a trip that can help you set a budget, and pack carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Contact that business person who can assist you in getting your affairs organized, and you will get the desired results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Contacting the most successful person you know can result in forming a partnership that could gain you big benefits. Be very active now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Your regular activities should go smoothly today. Discuss with a friend at work how to make progress in the near future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Try new outlets that can bring you more income and make your life happier. Agree quickly to join your mate in some project tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Consider conditions at home, and you will know exactly how to bring more harmony there. Superiors could be helpful to you soon.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): Handle your correspondence in a businesslike manner to make a good impression on others. Get in touch with a good friend tonight.

GOREN BRIDGE

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HIGH ROAD OR LOW ROAD

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K Q J 2
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 10 9

WEST
♠ K 6
♥ 9 8 6 5 4
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ 6 5

EAST
♠ 9 7 5
♥ 10 7
♦ K Q J 6 5 4 3
♣ 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 3 2
♥ 3
♦ Void
♣ A K J 8 7 4 3

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

5 ♠ Pass 7 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

A priori, the chances of finding a particular card in a specific hand are 50 percent. As the play develops, however, those odds might change.

North-South conducted a beautiful auction to reach an excellent grand slam. North's decision to go all the way over his partner's cuebid was based on his solid heart suit and possession of the queen in his partner's second suit, factors of which South was unaware.

West led the ace of diamonds, and declarer was thrilled with his

prospects. If hearts were 4-3 he could claim his slam. If not, he would have to locate the king of spades.

Declarer ruffed the opening lead and drew trumps. Since there was no hurry to try hearts, declarer decided to run the rest of his trumps, coming down to the eight of spades and five hearts in dummy. West discarded a low spade at his first opportunity, then three diamonds. Now declarer tried the hearts, only to learn that the fifth heart would not set up. After cashing the fourth heart, all hands were down to two cards. Dummy held a low spade and a low heart, declarer the ace-jack of spades, East two spades and West a spade and a heart.

At this point, the spade finesse is a 3-to-2 favorite because each opponent's original length in the suit is known. Therefore, the correct play is to take the spade finesse. Unfortunately, that loses and you go down two tricks when West cashes his winning heart.

Now suppose a bridge writer is sitting at your elbow. You are not going to make his column by taking a finesse, so at trick 12 you ignore the percentages and lead a spade to the ace. That picks up the king, you make your grand slam and your effort appears in the Goren-Sharif bridge column.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RALAV

FOTOA

KOECIO

CELFK

Most professional job I've ever seen

WHAT SOMEONE DID WHEN THERE WAS A BURGLARY AT THE BAKERY.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: "O O O O THE O O O O"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TABOO VALET LOUNGE FROSTY

Answer: Before your diet can flatter you, it must do this—FLATTEN YOU

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

Edited by Herb Ettenson

AND EMBARRASSED, TOO!

By Bert H. Kruse

ACROSS

1 Root feature

2 Pronoun

3 Formal

4 Argument

5 Synthetic fabric

6 John

7 Soy name

8 Start of an

9 sprig

10 Wonderment

11 Comedian King

12 Ticked pink

13 Loudness anti

14 Asia's

15 US president

16 Kinsman abbr.

17 Treasury agent

18 Derivating

19 Root feature

20 Camera

21 Public

22 Canal

23 Sale or house

24 Made notes

25 Gaze fluidly

26 Hokey player

27 Coarse

28 Without cloud

29 Criticize

30 Fomitory

31 Cold wind

32 Abate

33 Abominable

34 Storm

35 Rascal's aunt

36 Continued

37 Semites

38 Time gone by

39 Card game

40 Obson or Blane

41 Miss Kett and

42 Moby Dick's

43 Murrer

44 Not as many

45 Hokey player

46 Epigram

47 Fair grade

48 Sans any split

49 Concluded

50 "The Time of

51 Your Life"

52 Captive

53 Decet

54 Woolgatherer

55 Became a

56 Plant

57 Calit, fan

58 Sides

59 Sides

60 Sides

61 Sides

62 Sides